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SRNS Contributes to Edgefield County Youth Empowerment Center's 2024 Summer STEM/NASA Astro Camp

AIKEN, S.C. (April 15, 2024) - Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) presented the <u>Edgefield</u> <u>County Youth Empowerment Center</u> \$5,000, as part of a sponsorship opportunity to support the center's <u>2024 Summer STEM/NASA Astro Camp</u> that will take place this June.

The five-week event focuses on reaching into under-represented communities and sparking student's interests' in learning the unique basics of the National Aeronautical and Space Administration's (NASA) earth and space science, technology applications, engineering, rocketry, robotics, and computer science focusing programs.



Students build a space center using building straws and connectors during last year's Edgefield County Youth Empowerment STEM/NASA Astro Camp.

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Crystal Edwards, Executive Director of Edgefield County Youth Empowerment Center, said that she is grateful for this donation that will go towards promoting education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

"SRNS sponsorship helps to give young people from rural areas an opportunity to engage in STEM learning opportunities and foster a passion for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics," said Edwards. "With this sponsorship, Edgefield County Youth Empowerment Center is able to ignite a spark in young minds, shaping the innovators and STEM leaders of tomorrow. Thank you for your dedication to STEM education and belief in our mission to provide young people with the invaluable opportunities to learn, grow, and explore."

SRNS continues to support programs that increase STEM educational opportunities across the Central Savannah River Area.

"The Edgefield County Youth Empowerment's STEM/NASA Astro Camp aligns perfectly with our vision of fostering a passion for STEM education among young minds," said SRNS President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Carr. "We are grateful for this partnership that is empowering the next generation of STEM leaders."

The center offers a variety of programs to students including: Girls Circle, After School "Matters," Triple P Parenting Program, and L.E.A.D. ME Boys Mentoring Program. To learn more about how SRNS supports local STEM education go to <u>SRS - Education Outreach Programs</u>.

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