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### **PHENOMENAL WOMEN IN S.T.E.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> GRANT AWARD from CFGG**

Greensboro, NC — The Nehemiah Community Empowerment Center's S.T.E.M. Academy has been awarded \$20,000 from the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro's (CFGG) - Women to Women Initiative for the second time. This organization is focused on exposing underserved females in the S.T.E.M., Robotics and I.T. fields. Trainings offered are in PC Fundamentals, keyboarding, and certifications in Microsoft Office Specialist & CompTia A+. Training is FREE. Low-cost on-site daycare is available during training. Through partnership with NC FIRST, middle and high school students will partake in STEM & Robotics education to develop an all female team to compete in the U.S. FIRST national competition.

The U.S. is demanding that we as a society prepare a more competitive and marketable workforce for the 4 million STEM & IT jobs currently available. There are not enough qualified individuals to fill these positions. Adult participants will have access to reading and math literacy classes with Reading Connections. "We don't want to setup people up for failure. We have collaborated with Reading Connections to ensure participants have at least a 10<sup>th</sup> grade reading level. They will also offer GED prep classes. Our goal is to decrease the educational inequity and wage comparison in these fields - especially in the female population. There are over 280,000 females in Guilford County. Our program is designed to reach youth, teens and adults. Early and consistent exposure to STEM, Robotics & I.T. education is the key. Our motto is: Educating for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century & Beyond." - Executive Director, Randi Francis.

Join our cause and help continue to make history by developing more PHENOMENAL WOMEN IN S.T.E.M. Area non-profits, colleges and local corporations are needed so that students can acquire hands-on workplace experience via internships. Sixteen women have successfully completed intro courses. A+ and MOS certification classes will begin Jan. 8, 2019.