

Hall youth showcase STEM skills at demo.

Bridgeport, Conn. – June 8, 2016 –Hall Neighborhood House recently held a Robotics Demonstration at their campus on the East Side of Bridgeport. A dozen students enrolled in Hall’s STEM/Robotics Program performed for their families, mentors, and the greater community showcasing their STEM knowledge.



“We encourage the students to continue working hard because it will pay off,” commented Ceci Neuman, a member of the FIRST Advisory Board. FIRST stands for “For Inspiration and Recognition of Science & Technology”. FIRST is a not for profit agency working closely with the students of Hall Neighborhood House.

Hall received financial support for their STEM/Robotics Program from a \$5,000 grant awarded by People’s United Community Foundation as well as \$1,300 of corporate support from Mortgage Master.

The STEM Program was led by Bridgeport Public Schools science teacher Brenda Tyson. Under the teachers’ guidance, two teams of students, a boys’ team and a girls’ team, undertook specific steps in the process of building their robots. Ms. Tyson shared “The students learned how to problem solve, and they got it done. “

Hall plans on expanding the STEM/Robotics program in the fall of 2016. “We hope to double the number of enrolled students, from 20 to 40. It is a win-win for our kids at Hall,” commented Bob Dzurenda, Hall Neighborhood House’s Executive Director. The Youth Program is expanding in many ways including a new Healthy Cooking Series which will be offered in the fall as well.

Founded in 1886, Hall Neighborhood House’s mission is to provide services that enrich and empower the lives of children, families, and individuals in Bridgeport and the surrounding communities in the areas of early learning and childcare, youth and recreation programs, and Senior citizens’ services.