

# Robotics And Beyond...



## **Robotics And Beyond Receives Connecticut Community Foundation Grant** **Organizational development grant will help expand program and student capacity**

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Robotics And Beyond (R&B) has been awarded a grant of \$6,115 from the Connecticut Community Foundation in December 2015. The New Milford-based STEM education nonprofit will use the funds to enable the organization to develop materials that will describe its mission, programs, the impact on students, and needs. The grant will also be used to take advantage of any training opportunities. The goal is to attract additional funding and build the board of directors and volunteer staff, so the group can reach more students and provide them with courses and programs of even greater depth.

Executive director Paul Chayka notes that this is all part of a larger effort to raise awareness of R&B's mission and programs. "In order to meet the growing demand for our programs, we need to significantly increase our capacity, while maintaining the high quality of programs that parents and students have come to expect," he says.

The grant is part of the Foundation's Nonprofit Excellence program. This program focuses on strengthening nonprofits by providing funds for a planned effort to increase a group's effectiveness and efficiency, allowing it to better fulfill its mission.

Chayka looks forward to the changes this grant will enable at Robotics And Beyond.

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### **About Robotics And Beyond**

Robotics And Beyond is a New Milford, CT-based not-for-profit educational organization devoted to encouraging and supporting the next generation of STEM technologists, scientists and creative thinkers. We offer courses in STEM topics including engineering, science and design, for students from elementary school through high school. These courses include after-school programs, weekend workshops, robotics league, special events (such as Girls-Only Coding Nights and Minecraft Nights), peer-mentoring programs, programs tailored to students with special learning needs, and our long-running summer camp.

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