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LONG ISLAND NONPROFIT SELECTED AS MICROSOFT FLAGSHIP STORE COMMUNITY PARTNER

WCTD Honored with Tech Grant and Visit to 5th Ave. and 53rd St. Location

New York, NY: Long Island based nonprofit We Connect the Dots (WCTD) has been honored by Microsoft stores to receive a \$115,000 technology grant on Monday, Oct. 26 as part of the grand opening of the company's first flagship store on Fifth Ave. and 53rd St. in NYC. Earlier this month, Student Ambassadors and staff from WCTD attended a reception, during which Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella gave an exciting talk about the future of Microsoft. Student members of WCTD got hands on with some new Microsoft products and were granted a first look at the new store.

WCTD was chosen to for this technology grant because of its educational impact on communities in New York. As part of its efforts to deliver STEAM education and tech training to high school students, WCTD was glad to be considered, not only for the chance to be a part of an exciting moment in history, but because of how the grant will impact students with whom the organization works.

For members of WCTD's competitive Student Ambassador Program, this grant and invite is an exciting opportunity and a chance for WCTD to show its appreciation for their hard work. Ambassadors help to organize and deliver workshops for the organization, and can apply for scholarships and grants to fund special projects. "Being able to visit the newly designed Microsoft store is an excellent opportunity for the organization to give back to our students," says WCTD founder Laurie Carey. "Being part of this event is a great way to show our appreciation to our supporters and student ambassadors," said CEO Laurie Carey. "The technology grant and the invite to the new location is an exciting opportunity for WCTD."

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WCTD's mission is to excite, inform and educate students about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) careers. Through collaboration with the community, education, government and the technology industry, WCTD provides awareness and education of the 21st Century workforce skills, as well as the opportunities available to students embracing STEAM careers.