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Motion Control Robotics Inc Sponsors We Connect The Dots 2018 BACK-TO-SCHOOL CODE-A-THON
Building Computer Science skills to impact Sandusky County Communities

Sandusky County, OH: This January, Sandusky County will become one of five locations, including Long Island, NY, Darby, PA, and Charlotte, NC to host the Back-To-School Code-A-Thon, a concept designed by nonprofit We Connect the Dots. "We are very excited to be sponsoring the Sandusky County location as an Engage Tier Partner with WCTD this year," explains Scott Lang, President of Motion Controls Robotics, "We love the idea of getting students excited about technology. We hope to continue to propel the careers of young people from the Sandusky County area through building a curiosity for learning and growing in their preferred technology field."

The event, called the Back-to-School Code-A-Thon, is a consecutive forty-eight hour competitive gamified learning experience that teaches students how to code in HTML5, CSS, and JavaScript. We Connect The Dots has also partnered with a number of industry partners, including Microsoft, each year to bring the industry experts and communities together to support empowering the next generation of innovators. Students will work in teams of four to compete for prizes and to see who can develop the best project that addresses a social or global need while they learn valuable computer science skills that can be used outside of the classroom later in life. On hand will be partners from the technology industry who will be delivering the instruction, valuable talks about the future of tech careers, and mentor and coaching the students. The Back-to-School Code-A-Thon, now in its 3rd year, has impacted hundreds of students.

"This is a discovery program for students, designed for those curious about coding, and confused about where to begin. That is why it is called a Code-A-Thon and not a Hackathon. For many students, "Hackathon" can be intimidating and push them away with a sense of I can't do that. Our program does the opposite, it brings students together to learn and have fun, and explore the possibilities with no requirements for skills at all, just the desire to want to learn.

Registration for the Sandusky County, OH location is open for students in all area school districts. More information regarding hosting, registration, volunteering, and sponsoring the program can be found at <http://we-connect-the-dots.org/codeathon-sponsors>

About Motion Controls Robotics –Celebrating over 20 years of continuous growth, Motion Controls Robotics is a leading provider of automation solutions to manufacturing industries. The company provides full service robotic solutions from concept to installation and service/support that keep manufacturers competitive. Motion Controls Robotics provides automation solutions for a variety of applications including material handling (case packing, palletizing and machine tending), and vision-guided systems.

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We Connect The Dots is a nonprofit organization that inspires and educates students in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) careers through collaboration with the community, education, government and the technology industry.

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Information about the program can be found at the WCTD website:
we-connect-the-dots.org and check out a video from last year's program
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDnoTKrVkms&feature=share>