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**Nehemiah Community Empowerment Center
Receives Contribution from HONDA to Address AI Literacy & Academic E-sports
& Agency Expansion Announcement**

[Greensboro, NC – June 1, 2026] – The Nehemiah Center today announced a \$25,000 contribution from Honda to support and expand their STEM/Robotics Career Exploration summer camp and afterschool program. This new initiative is to provide AI Literacy and an Esports Club (More Than Just Gaming) component. This contribution will help advance the organization's work to further educate and empower the community in the proper use of AI, its pros and cons, game development and design. These tools will readily prepare a more future-ready workforce by hosting FREE workshops explaining AI literacy and public understanding in under-represented communities in Guilford County. They will also introduce academic game design and implement an Esports League. Priority is to provide community-based out of school experience for youth and teens.

“We are so thankful to Melissa Smith from the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce for informing us about this grant. A ‘HUGE’ thank you to Honda for their generous donation and believing in our vision. We are so grateful. This will enable our organization to provide the in-demand skills needed in the communities we serve to be able to compete in the job market. It is our mission at the Nehemiah Center to ensure that we are providing the necessary tools for our younger generation to flourish and succeed. We are doing this by developing our future STEM leaders, engineers and innovators – from K to Career. Thereby creating career awareness and equal access for all in these lucrative fields.” – Randi Francis, Founder/CEO.

With this approach, the Nehemiah Center is expanding access and delivery to serve populations traditionally left out of digital innovation. This initiative will introduce and readily prepare the younger generation for the future-tech jobs that will build economic security.

Their efforts will enhance and change the overall financial status and economic fabric for many households. Those who have attained expertise in AI and/or game development will replace individuals who do not have this skill set. The Nehemiah Center will be offering community revitalization through this opportunity to boost the economy in Guilford County.

Honda is committed to empowering young people by prioritizing education and career readiness, fostering the creativity and innovation needed to solve tomorrow's challenges. Through its Education Pillar, Honda supports programs that inspire the next generation and create opportunities for young people to succeed. The Nehemiah Center aligns with this.

For the past 18 years, the Nehemiah Center has been creating impact for residents in Greensboro. Due to their exponential growth this year, they have been blessed to partner with Grace Community Church to provide their STEM & Robotic Career Exploration Camp to over 100 campers. This summer, their FRC team, the GEODEBOTS, will conduct their first FLL Challenge Camp. Teens 16 & up will also engage in drone training leading to their FAA Part 107 pilot's license in the fall. And through county funding from their local JCPC, some court-involved teens will receive IT or FAA training and certifications upon their release. This summer, adults can acquire their Google IT Specialist Certification. The Nehemiah Center has relocated, and their corporate headquarters is now located in Downtown Greensboro.

On Sat. June 13th from 10a-2p, join them for their 'EVERYTHING MUST GROW' Community Yard Sale at 311 Creek Ridge Rd. (off Randleman Rd.) All proceeds will support their various programs and initiatives. Come shop, support and celebrate with them. The Nehemiah Center's vision is still growing and changing lives every day. Feel free to reach out to learn more. Visit their webpage at www.thenehemiahcenter.org to volunteer or to contribute to their efforts as they step into their brand-new season of growth.

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