

# Tualatin's Mobile Makerspace Hitting the Streets in January!

It takes a village...or a whole community to get these wheels in motion! The Tualatin "America's Best Communities" (ABC) Team is excited to launch the Mobile Makerspace (MMS) next month thanks to the work of so many volunteers, businesses and community partners who have given countless hours, donations and more to get this trailer ready to roll out to schools, community events and neighborhoods to bring STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) education to youth in Tualatin. The trailer will house equipment and hands-on activities that will make STEAM learning fun and engaging, and will inspire kids to consider STEAM careers.

Tualatin has a chance to win \$3 million, and they have already secured one of eight finalist spots in Frontier Communications' ABC Contest last April. The team was awarded \$100,000 to begin implementing their Community Revitalization Plan to develop the technically skilled workforce of tomorrow through increased access to STEAM education. Since April, partners including the City, Tigard-Tualatin School District, the Tualatin Chamber, Mask & Mirror Community Theatre, the Tualatin Tomorrow Vision Committee and many businesses throughout Tualatin have been working to develop a curriculum and build the trailer to bring these learning opportunities to

Tualatin's kids. The maker activities and curriculum have already rolled out to the local elementary schools and the response from kids and teachers has been amazing, with much potential to grow and expand to other grade levels in the future. The trailer will provide even more opportunities to bring equipment and supplies onsite to schools, neighborhoods and events. ADI Mobile Health has partnered with the ABC team to help with the build-out of the trailer. ADI is a Tualatin company who designs and manufactures mobile health clinics, such as the Mobile Dental Clinics.

The Tualatin ABC Team is excited about the success of the maker activities, and is preparing for the next round of the competition where the team will share their story for a chance to win \$3 million! The Tualatin MMS team is seeking volunteers, equipment and supplies donations and funding to expand the program. To win the grand prize, we must engage the entire community and gather support. If you are interested in getting involved, email [info@tualatinabc.org](mailto:info@tualatinabc.org).

The community unveiling of the mobile makerspace will be in January, so stay tuned for details at [www.tualatinabc.org](http://www.tualatinabc.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TualatinABC](https://www.facebook.com/TualatinABC), Twitter [@TualatinABC](https://twitter.com/TualatinABC), or Instagram [@Tualatinmakerspace](https://www.instagram.com/Tualatinmakerspace).

