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## **FCA Foundation Grant Helps “Power Up” Belvidere, Belvidere North and North Boone High Schools’ Robotics Team**

*Flying Monkeys among 56 teams across the United States to receive FCA Foundation grants*

December 27, 2017, Auburn Hills, Mich. - Ahead of the (Jan. 6) kickoff of the 2018 FIRST Robotics season, the FCA Foundation, the charitable arm of North American automaker FCA US LLC, today announced grants to 56 FIRST Robotics Competition teams, including the Flying Monkeys, a team comprised of students from Belvidere, Belvidere North and North Boone High Schools. The \$4,475 grant will help offset the costs i.e. registration fees, parts and materials and team apparel associated with participating in the 2018 [FIRST® POWER UP](#) challenge. FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), is an international, K-12 not-for-profit organization founded to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology.

“We are proud to partner with an organization that is committed to inspiring the next generation of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) professionals,” said Phil Jansen, Head of Product Development, FCA – North America. “The experience that students gain through their participation in FIRST programs is invaluable in preparing them for STEM-based careers.”

This year alone, the FCA Foundation has awarded more than \$400,000 to student robotics programs, including the 2018 FIRST Championship – Detroit (April 25-28). Additionally, more than 80 FCA US employees will guide FIRST Robotics teams through the competition season as volunteer team mentors and coaches.

FCA US employs more than 4,900 people at the Belvidere Assembly Plant and Belvidere Satellite Stamping Plant, which produces the Jeep® Cherokee.

### **FCA Foundation**

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