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Family Fun at French Quarter Festival 2018 *Chevron Children's Headquarters Returns to the Natchez Wharf*

NEW ORLEANS, La. (March 15, 2018) – French Quarter Festivals, Inc. is excited to announce the return of the **Chevron STEAM Zone** at French Quarter Fest 2018. The Chevron “STEAM” Zone (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) will return to the Natchez Wharf at the foot of Toulouse Street at the River. Attendees can expect two full days of family-fun on Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15.

“As New Orleans celebrates its Tricentennial, Chevron will showcase 300 years of innovation at French Quarter Festival. We’re excited to partner with organizations like Project Lead The Way, Rebuilding Together New Orleans and Fab Lab NOLA to teach children about science, technology, engineering, art and math,” said Chevron Gulf of Mexico Public Affairs Manager Leah Brown. “The Chevron STEAM Zone has fun, interactive learning stations that show kids how these subjects play a vital role in their future success and have contributed to area’s our history. We’re proud to once again bring The Chevron STEAM Zone to French Quarter Festival 2018.”

Chevron supports many organizations in the community, and at French Quarter Festival they collaborate with several of them to create educational STEAM Zone experiences. This year Chevron will engage youth with the Energy Timeline Challenge and showcase centuries of innovation. Other community partners and activities include: exploring Louisiana-wildlife success stories with **Audubon Nature Institute**; completing a LED circuit to light the façade of a New Orleans home with **Fab Lab NOLA**; and **Rebuilding Together New Orleans** will help children “build” a historic home and learn about architectural features. Other partners include **National Park Service, NORD Teen Council, Project Lead the Way, The Nature Conservancy, and WWII Museum.**

French Quarter Festival presented by Chevron is produced by French Quarter Festivals, Inc., (FQFI) the 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, which also produces **Satchmo SummerFest presented by Chevron** in August and **Christmas New Orleans Style** in December. FQFI’s mission is to promote the Vieux Carré and the City of New Orleans through high quality special events and activities that showcase the culture and heritage of this unique city, contribute to the economic well-being of the community, and instill increased pride in the people of New Orleans. For more information about French Quarter Festivals, Inc. or any of these events, call (504) 522-5730 or visit www.fqfi.org.