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This publication is a GIANT Remix of Sven's ideas, projects, and inventions made at The GIANT Room.

We chose some of these projects and mixed and remixed them to create this detective mystery storybook. His kooky puppet became the main character, his tree comic became the setting, and his kawaii Christmas tree became a top secret detective invention! Will his projects help solve the mystery in the end?! Read on to find out...



On a beautiful summer day, a boy named Sven was building with arts and crafts materials. He constructed a puppet!

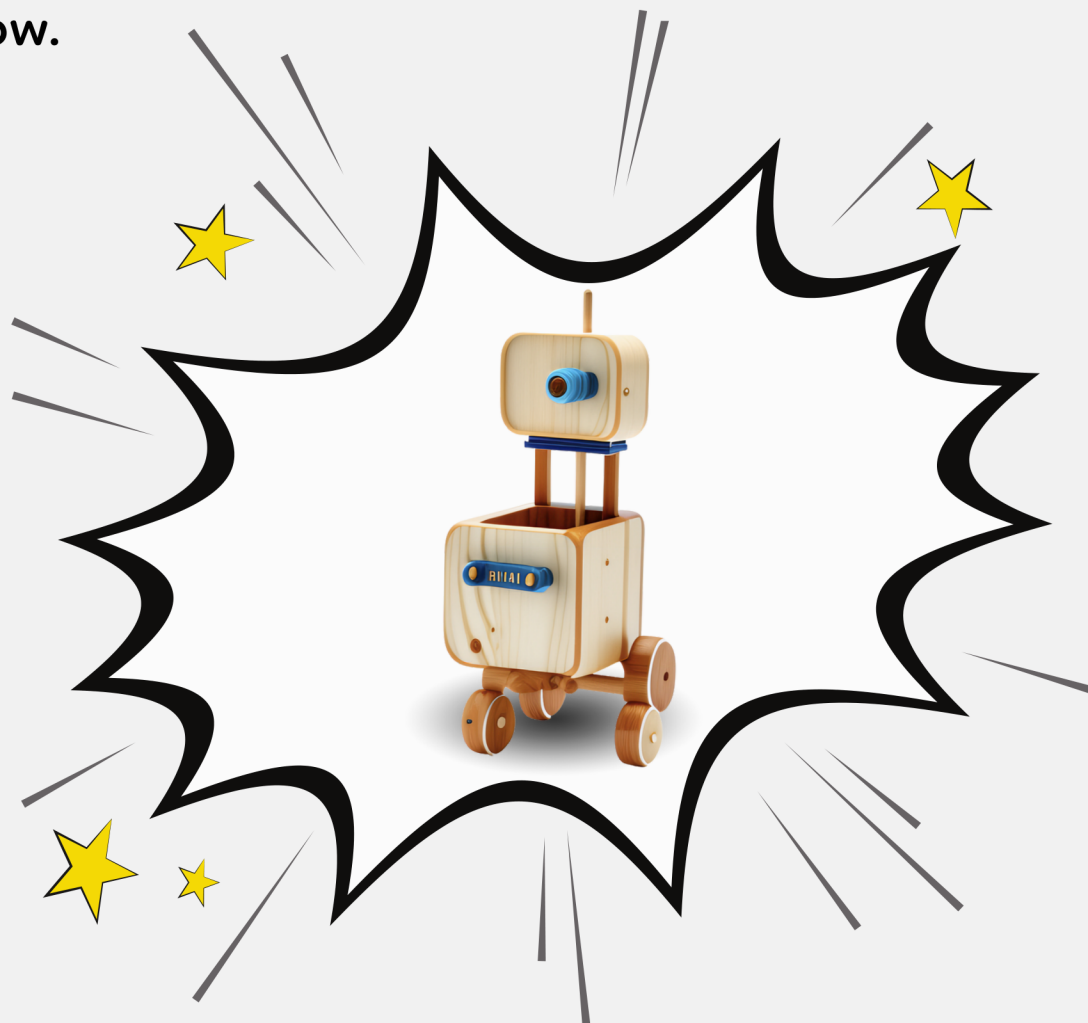




I'll name him...Funzo Kime!  
He is a very kooky puppet.  
He likes to clown around  
and make people laugh.



Finishing the project, Sven left his materials on the table and went to have a snack. As soon as he left the room, Captain Bot, a high-tech artificial intelligence robot, zoomed in through the open window.





She channeled her AI powers to bring the puppet of Funzo Kime to life...



In a burst of sparkles, Funzo Kime came alive as a 3D character!

A-l A-l,  
Captain Bot!



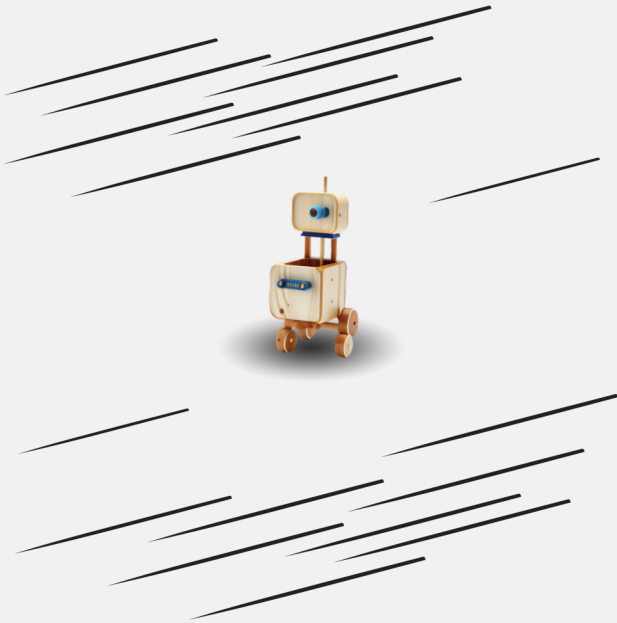


Captain Bot heard Sven coming back to his room.



She tossed Funzo Kime a teleportation gadget that could bring him to Create Mode Metropolis at the click of a button.

Funzo Kime put the device in his pocket and waved goodbye to Captain Bot. He looked around the room, trying to find somewhere to go before Sven came back.



On Sven's desk, he found another one of his creations: a world where trees talk to each other!





“COWABUNGA!” Funzo Kime shouted as he jumped into the creation, entering a brand new universe.







Funzo Kime was exploring the talking tree forest, when he smelled something coming from the other direction. He followed the scent until he stumbled upon something absolutely bizarre.

# GIANT PILES OF PASTA!


*Rigatoni!*

*Macaroni!*

*Fusilli!*

*Spaghetti!*

“What in the world is all of this pasta doing here?!” Funzo Kime asked himself.



There must be at least 300 pounds of pasta!



He knew there was only one way to figure it out – he needed the expertise of Captain Bot! He pulled out his teleportation device and zapped himself to...

CREATE MODE ✨  
METROPOLIS ✨





A-I, A-I Captain Bot!  
I need your help  
solving a mystery!



“Welcome to Create Mode Metropolis, Funzo Kime! How can I help?” responded Captain Bot.

“Well,” Funzo Kime explained, “Hundreds of pounds of pasta have been dumped near the talking trees! Do you know why?”



Nope! But I can help you by bringing more of Sven's ideas to life. They might come in handy while you solve this mystery... You see, in Create Mode Metropolis, we collect kids' inventions from all over the world and store them for mystery solvers like you.





Captain Bot showed one of Sven's creations.

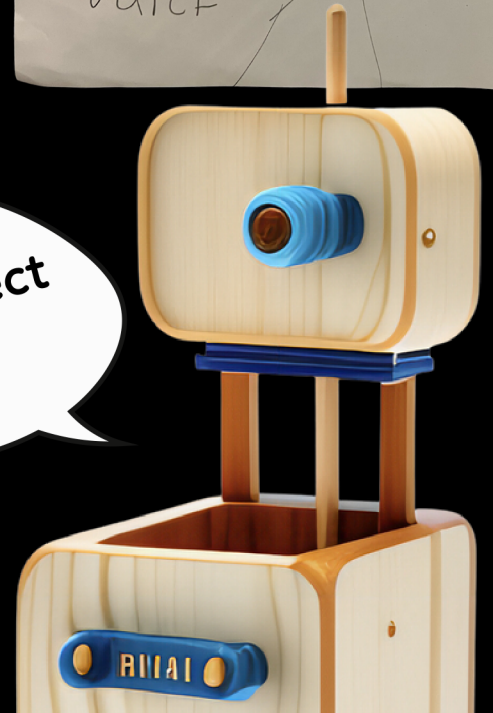
This is Dino Fizz,  
made with the  
tastiest  
ingredients.  
It goes great  
with pasta.



DINO FIZZ!

granBary Juice	White choklet chips
peaches	BUBA + hiker
APPLES	carrots
SELSEN	peaches
SPRINOLS	granBary Juice
apple Flore	
APPLES	
carrots	
White choklet	
chip	
granBary	
JUICE	

Could this project  
help you?



Funzo Kime started laughing. “Delectable fizz perfection... BUT, I don’t want to eat anything, Captain Bot! I want to find out how all that pasta got there and who did it!”





Haha, oops! What about this project?



This is a detective tool disguised as a Christmas tree! When it detects an important clue its lights flash on and off.



“WHOA! That looks SUPER useful!” Funzo Kime shouted excitedly. Captain Bot harnessed her AI powers...

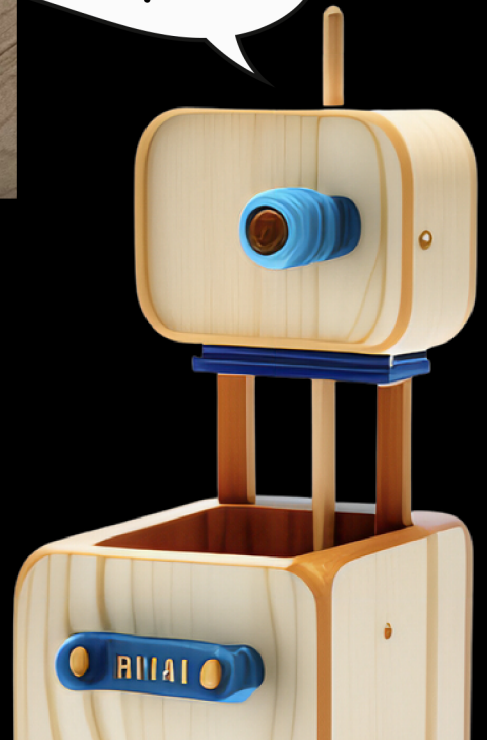


...and the project transformed into a 3D invention!



Next up is  
the Siphonophore  
Sensor.

The Siphonophore Sensor can find any animal or creature that you ask it to. It guides you to it with its very long body.



“I definitely need that one,” said Funzo Kime.  
Captain Bot harnessed her AI powers...

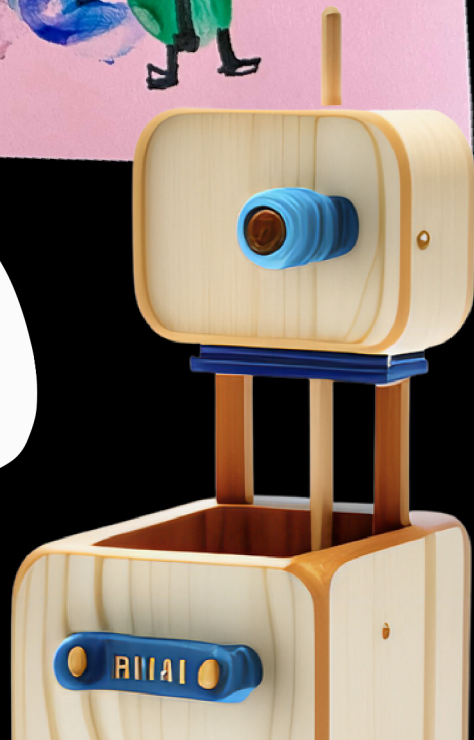


...and the project  
popped into 3D!





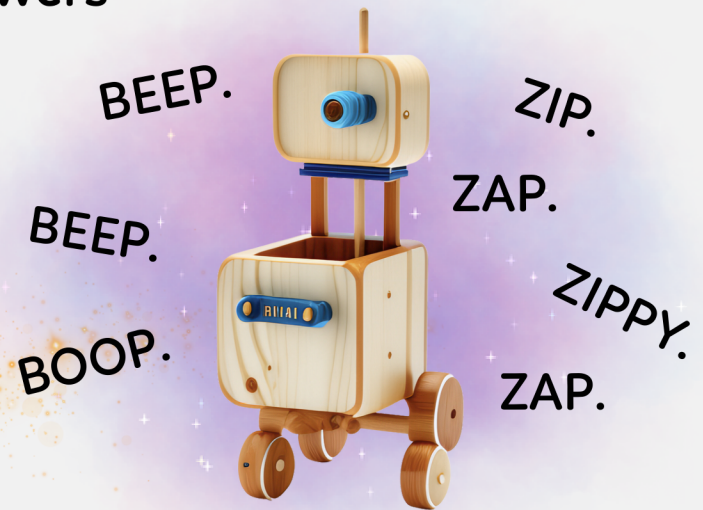
And finally, Sven's last creation is a group of rainbow friends. Anything they touch turns to rainbow!





“Yes! Yes! YES!” Funzo Kime yelled with excitement. Though he wasn’t quite sure what to do with the rainbow friends, yet...

Using Captain Bot’s AI powers –



– the project was brought to life!





“Thank you so much, Captain Bot!” Funzo Kime exclaimed, gathering the inventions. He teleported back to the talking tree forest to get started on solving this mystery.

Funzo Kime ran the Christmas tree over the pasta. The lights began flashing wildly. It had detected some fingerprints!







After some calculations, the tree discovered that these fingerprints could only belong to three creatures: a forest penguin, a utopian unicorn, or a mreincronx.



In the Penguin Village, he asked the forest penguins if they knew anything about the pasta, but they just shook their heads.



Piles of pasta? We  
would never eat off the  
forest floor. How dirty!



Next, he went to Unicorn Utopia. Funzo Kime asked the unicorns if they knew anything about the pasta, but they just laughed.



Plain pasta? We wouldn't eat anything that wasn't rainbow-colored, of course!



Funzo Kime had only one  
more suspect to go:



the mreincronx.

The mreincornx could fly at light speed, so he wouldn't be able to find it just by looking around. He pulled out the Siphonophore Sensor and asked it to lead him to the mreincornx.

Find the  
mreincornx,  
please!





Following the Siphonophore's long body, he soon came upon the mreincornx.

Hi there! Do you know anything about the pasta piles that were recently found in the talking tree forest?



The mreincornx's eyes widened.

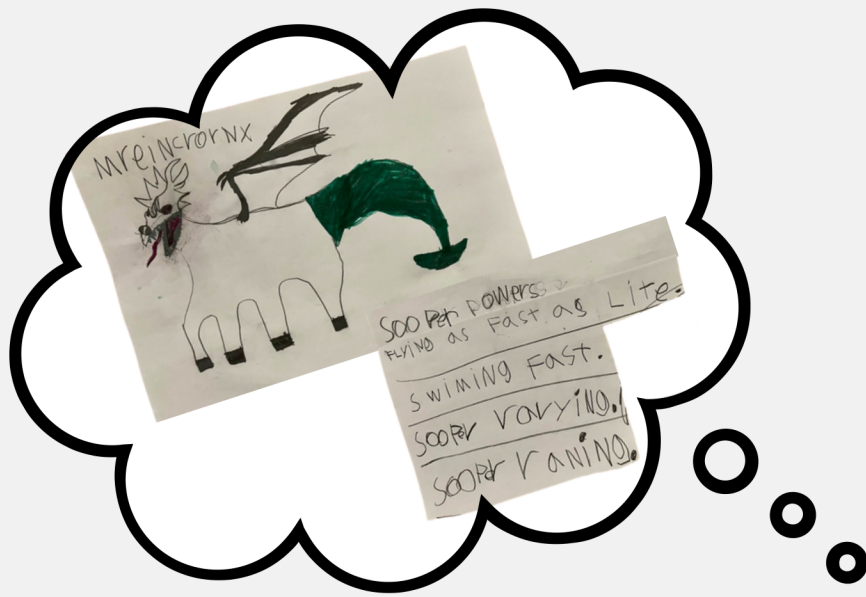


Um, no. Nothing at all. Not me. I didn't do anything. Pasta? What's that? Haha.

She quickly ran away.

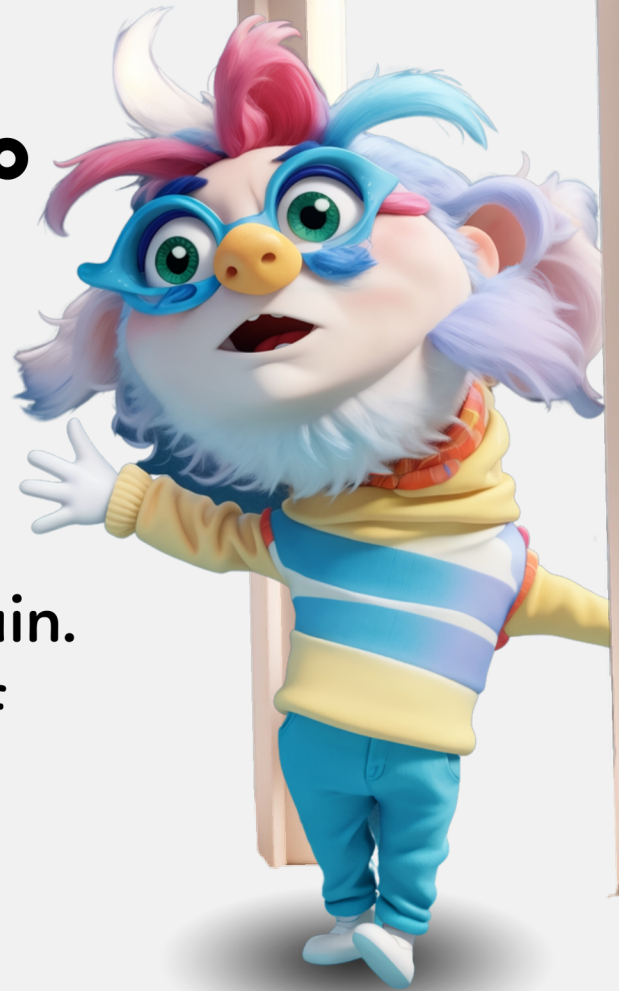
Funzo Kime thought she seemed familiar, so he sneakily followed behind her. She darted into an inventor's workshop and covered her table with a blanket.





Funzo Kime knocked  
on the door.

“Sorry to bother you again.  
You remind me of one of  
Sven’s ideas...did he...?”



“Ok, fine! It was me! I did it! I caused the pasta disaster. I’m so sorry. Please don’t get me in trouble with Captain Bot! Oh, no! My life is ruined!” the mreincroxn confessed in a rush. She began to cry.



Funzo Kime patted her shoulder. “Don’t cry! I don’t want to get you in trouble. What happened?”



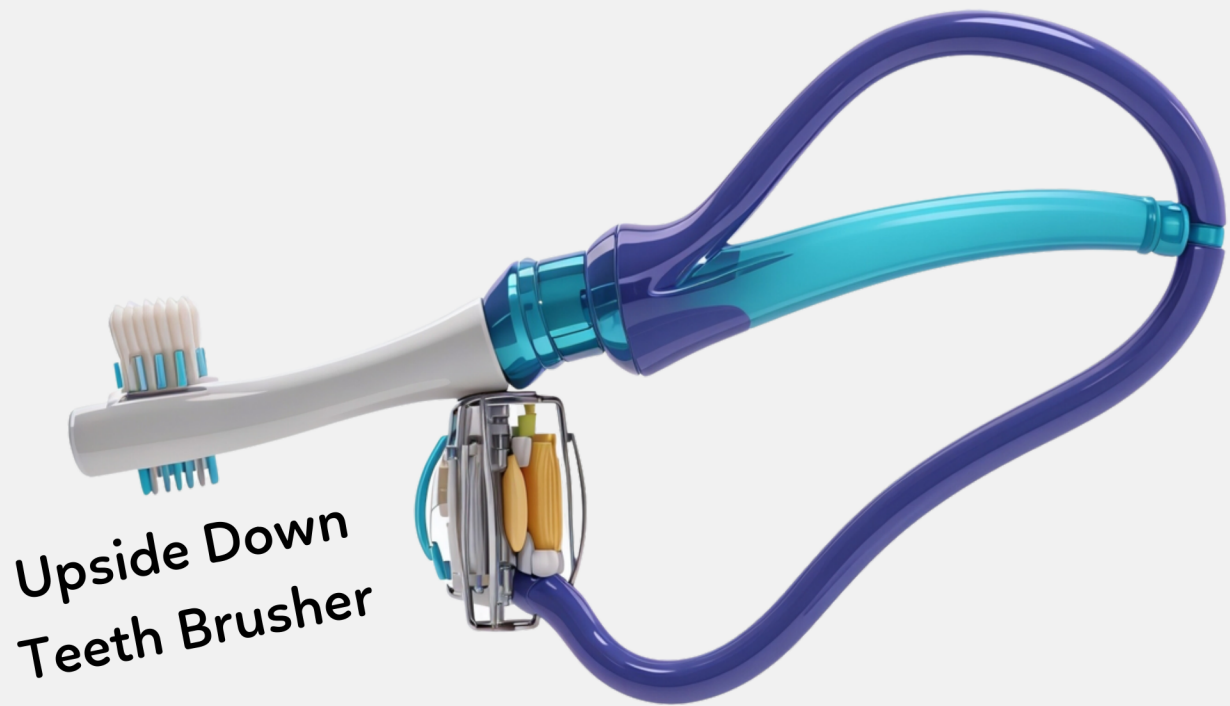
I am one of Sven's animal discoveries. Captain Bot brought me to life to help her do some science experiments that Sven designed. I was working on an upside down toothbrush that generates toothpaste automatically, but it completely malfunctioned! Instead of generating toothpaste, it generated pasta noodles uncontrollably. Oh, what a mess!



A BOT ON  
to hold  
the PENCIL



UPSIDE DOWN  
teeth BRUSH!



Upside Down  
Teeth Brusher

“Wow, it sounds like you are a talented engineer! Though, the machine probably does need a safety switch,” Funzo Kime said encouragingly.

Funzo Kime and the mreincrornx said  
goodbye and promised to stay in touch.



Funzo Kime had finally  
solved the pasta mystery!



But there was one last problem...





His stomach gurgled loudly. He was pretty hungry. Maybe Captain Bot really had been on to something after all...

I can't eat all of this by myself, he thought. Just then, he remembered the rainbow friends in his pocket.



They could help him make the  
pasta rainbow-colored!



Funzo Kime smiled super wide. He knew just who to share this delicious pasta with.



**THE END**



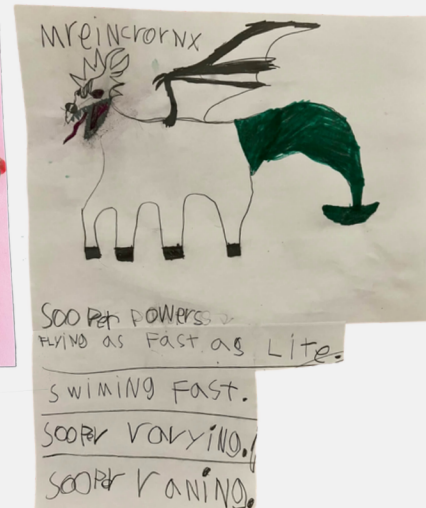
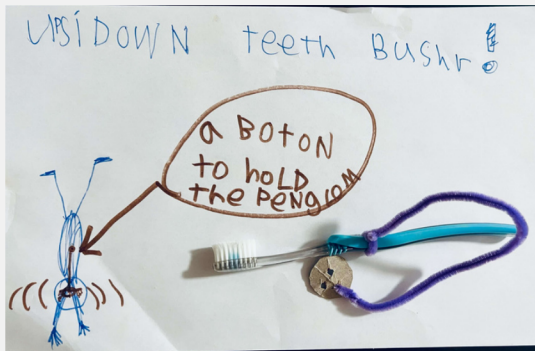
# DID YOU KNOW?!

This actually happened in New Jersey in April 2023! Someone found hundreds of pounds of pasta in the forest off the side of the road! Funzo Kime solved it with some of Sven's inventions, but how would YOU go about solving this mystery? The case is still open! REALLY!



→ Watch the prompt to learn more about this mystery and solve it for yourself.

# Sven's Creative STEM Projects



Scan the QR code  
to learn more!





## **ABOUT The GIANT Room**

The GIANT Room is a creative STEM hub for kids with GIANT dreams who dare to act on them. We help kids to use STEM as a tool for self expression, creativity, and collaboration.

The GIANT Room offers after school programs, camps, family events, specialized co-design workshops with industry designers, and online creative bootcamp membership. Kids may join our programs online, in-person at our studio, or off-site at one of our partner locations in museums and schools.

Founded by two women with PhDs in education and backgrounds in science and engineering, we dream of a world where every child has the confidence to voice their ideas, have access to mentors and resources they need to build prototypes of their ideas, and the opportunity to share those ideas with their community... just like the GIANT kids who published their collaborative, creative work in this beautiful storybook to be shared with millions of families around the world.

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