A lot can change in a year. In 2020, over 90% of the schools that implemented Camp Invention®, our flagship K-6 STEM summer camp, canceled in-person programming to protect the health and safety of their students.

In response, we adapted our National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF) programming for at-home learning. By maintaining the foundation of the in-person Camp Invention program and shipping program materials directly to each participant’s home, we ensured that children could still access the lifelong benefits of our invention education curricula.

In 2021, we sought to maximize our mission to help transform today’s children into the innovators of tomorrow. Once again, our world-class operations team developed timely ways to meet the needs of our district partners and support their quest to address learning loss and bring the joy of learning back to students and educators.

Thanks to contributions from every member of our organization, I am proud to announce that in 2021 we served 2,480 schools and districts, and for the first time in our history, provided a combined 1 million days of invention education to over 235,000 students.

As students throughout the United States continue recovering from academic and social-emotional learning (SEL) losses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain confident that our education programs represent effective solutions on which educators can rely.

None of the work we do would be possible without our incredible partners, including the United States Patent and Trademark Office, our corporate and foundation sponsors, individual donors, and the tens of thousands of families, teachers and administrators who continue to put their trust in our innovative STEM programming.

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