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AT&T FOUNDATION GIVES \$150,000 CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF GEORGIA

Contribution will be used to create peer mentors for at-risk students entering college

ATLANTA, Nov. 8, 2011 — AT&T* today announced a \$150,000 contribution to Communities In Schools (CIS) of Georgia which will support the newly created *College Success Corps*, a mentoring program that will help students transition from high school to college.

CIS is the nation's leading dropout prevention organization and the students they serve struggle in school due to behavior, attendance and/or academic problems. *College Success Corps* is expected to help increase the number of at-risk students entering post-secondary institutions, graduating and developing marketable skills through mentoring and community support. Many of these kids are the first members of their families to seek post-secondary opportunities.

"AT&T has a strong record of supporting initiatives and projects that help our students prepare for the workforce," said Sylvia Russell, president, AT&T Georgia. "I am proud we are able to support the great work that Communities In Schools of Georgia is doing to help our youth succeed."

"The success of our program is a direct result of strong, committed companies like AT&T that share our vision of ensuring that students in our community have the resources they need to succeed," said Neil Shorthouse, president and founder of CIS of Georgia.

The contribution will help local CIS affiliates train mentors and support activities through individualized student success plans, best practice materials, webinars, conference calls, roundtable discussions and program evaluation. The mentors will use the information acquired to help students understand the skills that will be in demand in the marketplace and direct students to the educational programs that are geared toward industry's future needs. CIS is seeking volunteers to help support the efforts at both the state and local affiliate levels.

AT&T is committed to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives. As part of its commitment, AT&T launched Aspire in April 2008. AT&T Aspire is one of the largest-ever corporate commitments to address high school success and workforce readiness.

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About Communities In Schools of Georgia

Communities In Schools (CIS) is the nation's leading dropout prevention organization. CIS partners with local school districts and community organizations to connect resources and services to kids at-risk of dropping out and their families. Third-party experts validated that the CIS model is one of only a few programs that reduces dropout rates and increases student achievement, which leads to stronger economies and communities. In Georgia, 40 CIS local affiliates and 18 Performance Learning Centers[®] (PLCs) provide services to more than 140,000 students in 53 school districts. Key programs include mentoring, tutoring, parent engagement, literacy, after-school programs, youth leadership, and PLCs. PLCs provide another learning option for high school students who are not succeeding in the traditional school setting. Communities sponsoring CIS programs have seen an increase in their school graduation rates, a decrease in violence and disruptions, and an increase in attendance and academic achievement. For more information, visit www.cisga.org or call 404-897-2955.

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