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Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc. receives \$50,000 AT&T Grant Expands STEM programs

Atlanta, Georgia, October 28, 2009 — Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc., has been awarded a \$50,000 transformational grant from AT&T* Georgia to support the expansion of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs throughout their 34 county jurisdiction. Currently, robotics and other STEM programs are the council's most oversubscribed programs, with demand often double and triple that of their current capacity.

The mission of the Girl Scouts has always been to build girls of courage, confidence, and character with the objective of making the world a better place. Today, they have expanded their mission by engaging a new generation of young leaders in technical education, both inside and outside of the classroom. Recognizing high school retention and graduation as well as workforce readiness as critical elements for future success, the Girl Scout program serves girls and young women in programs that engage their current interest while building valuable skills for the present and future.

With the construction of the new Girl Scout Headquarters at Timber Ridge in Mableton, Georgia, the organization will widen the scope of STEM programming through facility-based resources as well as strategic program goals to meet the increasing demand from both girls and the global market.

"In the rapidly evolving communications industry, our commitment to diversity and inclusion remains strong and a top priority," said Don Barbour, Regional Manager, External Affairs, AT&T Georgia. "Our diverse workforce is an asset to our company and a result of our commitment to recruit and hire the very best talent. Today, our 50-state workforce is 44 percent female and we will continue to focus on training and developing talented women to remain competitive in the future. "

“Companies, like AT&T, are able to invest in organizations like the Girl Scouts because of the public policy positions our elected officials take on business issues. I would like to commend Cobb County Commission Chairman Sam Olens, Commissioner Woody Thompson and State Representative Elly Dobbs for helping create an environment that recognizes the importance of investing in our youth, communities and in education.”

“The growth and development of tomorrow’s leaders does not happen in isolation and is done most effectively in collaboration,” says Marilyn Midyette, CEO of Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta. “As the preeminent leadership organization for girls and young women, Girl Scouts is delighted to have the support and partnership of AT&T as together we will prepare today’s girls to be tomorrow’s business leaders.”

About Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, Inc.

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta Inc. serves approximately 41,000 girls and over 17,700 adult members in 34 counties in the metropolitan Atlanta area, northwest Georgia and a portion of Polk, Tenn. Our mission: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. For more information on how to join, volunteer or donate to Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta call (800) 771-4046, or visit www.gsgatl.org. For information on the national organization visit Girl Scouts of the USA's Web site at www.girlscouts.org.

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