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The Jim Moran Foundation Awards Multi-Year Grant *Investment benefits students at-risk of dropping out of school*

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. – The Jim Moran Foundation recently awarded a three-year grant totaling \$522,000 to Communities In Schools of Jacksonville. The funds will be utilized to continue the important work of the organization’s Student Enrichment Programs at Frank H. Peterson Academies of Technology, A. Philip Randolph Academies of Technology and Lake Forest Elementary School.

Communities In Schools’ Student Enrichment Program operates on the principle of relationship building to help children and teens succeed in school. *The key to its success is the full-time student advocates who are embedded within the schools, working directly with students, their families and school officials.* Student advocates also develop achievement plans and monitor student progress; hold individual and group discussion sessions on topics such as anger management, study skills and conflict resolution; take note of physical, psychological or educational needs and manage referrals to other nonprofit resources; maintain regular contact with parents or guardians; and coordinate volunteers for tutoring and mentoring.

“We are extremely grateful for the support of The Jim Moran Foundation. The Foundation’s desire to make a difference in the lives of students will allow Communities In Schools to significantly expand our services at both the elementary and high school level,” said Jon Heymann, CEO, Communities In Schools.

Last year, The Jim Moran Foundation awarded Communities in Schools its “Founder’s Day grant” of \$92,000 – on what would have been Jim Moran’s 92nd birthday – for the Student Enrichment Program.

“With so many children and teens academically at-risk and facing other challenges in their lives, the guidance and care offered by Communities in Schools’ advocates is often a lifeline for them,” said Jan Moran, chairman and president of The Jim Moran Foundation. “We are happy that, through our continuing partnership, hundreds of students will receive the mentoring and encouraging support they need to achieve brighter futures.”

About The Jim Moran Foundation

Founded by automotive pioneer Jim Moran, the mission of The Jim Moran Foundation is to improve the quality of life for the youth and families of Florida through the support of innovative programs and opportunities that meet the ever-changing needs of the community. The Foundation has invested more than \$20 million in education, elder care, family strengthening, after school and youth transitional living initiatives since its inception in 2000 - with efforts currently focused in Broward, Palm Beach and Duval counties. Through a long-term Grant Agreement, The Foundation’s significant funders are JM Family Enterprises, Inc., and its subsidiaries, including Southeast Toyota Distributors, LLC. It is located at 100 Jim Moran Blvd., Deerfield Beach, Fla. 33442. To learn more, visit www.jimmoranfoundation.org or call (954) 429-2122.

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Communities In Schools operates America’s most successful dropout prevention program. Established in 1989, the Jacksonville affiliate serves more than 7,000 students in 60 schools annually with nationally-recognized mentoring, scholarship, literacy, enrichment and after-school programs.

