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AT&T TO PRESENT CHECK FOR \$45,000 TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS OF MIAMI VALLEY'S WEST SIDE

On Friday, January 11th at 4:00 p.m. at the Dayton Urban League, Toni Perry-Gillispie, Director for External Affairs for AT & T will present a check from the AT & T Excelerator Program for over \$45,000 to the Dayton Urban League, the Wesley Center and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to establish an on-line client management/assistance program to assist the League, the Wesley Center and SCLC in coordinating job training, academic assistance and case management for 150 low-income families that reside in West Dayton. President and CEO of the Dayton Urban League, Willie F. Walker, along with Dr. Robert Walker, Executive Director of the Wesley Center and Reverend Raleigh Trammell, local President and National Board Chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), will be on hand to receive the check.

“We are thrilled to support the work of these three phenomenal organizations”, beamed Toni Perry-Gillispie, “While each of these organizations are established, community-based organizations, the work they do is very much grass roots. They have a proven track record of working with people from all socio-economic backgrounds. Providing funding to increase the technology capacity of these organizations will make a real impact in the work they do.”

The League, Wesley Center and SCLC formed a partnership several years ago to provide family strengthening services to residents who reside in West Side Dayton. Since the development of the partnership, over 300 families have received job training and placement assistance, participated in family and relationship building workshops and completed educational goals. Funding for these services comes from various donors including the Montgomery Department of Jobs and Family Services.

“Myself, Mr. Walker and Reverend Trammel look forward to seeing how this infusion of funding will enhance the level of service we can provide to our clients. It will take this partnership to a whole new level,” stated Dr. Walker of the Wesley Center.

For more information, please contact Yvette Kelly-Fields at (937) 220 – 6665/974 – 1920. Media Kits will be available.

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About the Dayton Urban League

The Dayton Urban League is a community-based organization with the mission of academically and economically empowering people through education, training and services. The Dayton Urban League is an affiliate of the National Urban League (www.nul.org) and is a partner of the United Way of Dayton. For more information, go to the League's website at www.daytonurbanleague.org.

About the Wesley Center

Wesley Community Center, Inc. (www.wesleycenterdayton.org) is a community and faith-based not-for-profit (501C3) ministry. It is affiliated with the Dayton Districts United Methodist Mission Society, West Ohio Conference, General Board of Global Ministries, Community and Institutional Ministries Unit and the United Way of the Greater Dayton Area.

About the SCLC

SCLC (www.sclcnational.org) is a nation wide organization made up of chapters and affiliates with programs that affect the lives of all Americans: north, south, east and west. Their use of nonviolent mass action is a cornerstone strategy has given the SCLC movement a sphere of influence and interests that has become international in scope with a human rights movement that transcends national boundaries.

About AT & T

AT&T (www.ATT.com) believes that giving back is essential to being a good corporate citizen. Through the AT&T Foundation, AT&T Excelerator and the AT&T Pioneers, the company provides both financial resources and volunteer hours for initiatives that improve quality of life.

AT&T Excelerator helps nonprofit organizations meet their missions by improving technology resources, including hardware, software and networking tools. AT&T Excelerator grants also help nonprofit organizations put technology tools into the hands of the communities they serve, providing resources such as Internet access, computer training, math and reading programs, and job skills development.