



NBC UNIVERSAL FOUNDATION AWARDS \$400,000 IN GRANTS TO SIX LOS ANGELES NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

*Grants Are Part of Company-Wide \$1.25 MM Community Outreach Initiative to Fund
Secondary Education Programs in Six Cities*

Grantees recognized at the Mun2 Studio on Universal CityWalk

Universal City, CA, September 14, 2007 – As the new school year gets underway, the NBC and Telemundo Los Angeles television stations, along with Universal Studios and Mun2, awarded \$400,000 in grants from the NBC Universal Foundation to six non-profit organizations that work directly with middle and high school students in Southern California. The \$400,000 is part of a \$1.25 million dollar NBC Universal Foundation grant commitment to 30 non-profit organizations in six cities – Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami, New York and Washington D.C.

Linda Sullivan, President and General Manager of NBC4, Larry Kurzweil, President of Universal Studios Hollywood, and Paula Madison, EVP and Chief Diversity Officer for NBC Universal were joined by members of the NBC Universal Community Affairs Council and Foundation Board to present checks to all six non-profits: The California Science Center Foundation; ENCOMPASS, Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA); Para Los Niños; PUENTE Learning Center and WriteGirl.

“NBC4 has a strong commitment to serving its community,” said Sullivan. “These grants will help six dedicated organizations continue their work to improve educational opportunities for our children and provide them with a solid foundation for the future.”

“There is nothing more important than a quality education,” said Kurzweil. “We strive to make a positive difference in this critical area through our financial support and volunteer efforts.”

“These organizations assist the efforts of schools in communities where there is great need for supplemental educational resources,” said Madison. “This kind of assistance is essential for disadvantaged children, so that they may have a productive future.”

The grants continue the company’s ongoing commitment to improving secondary education in underserved communities. This is the second year of funding for this successful company initiative, which targets cities with large NBC Universal employee populations and significant education needs.

Local area employees from NBC Universal and parent company General Electric have been actively involved with this effort, and will again have the opportunity to show their support by volunteering as mentors, tutors and career speakers.

This year's grant recipients were selected based on the impact their programs will have in improving educational opportunities for 6th through 12th grade students. The funding will support a wide range of programs including, career planning, college test preparation, cultural awareness activities, leadership development programs and creative writing workshops.

2007 NBC Universal Foundation Grant Recipients:

California Science Center (www.californiasciencecenter.org): Welcoming 1.4 million guests per year and operating with free admission, the California Science Center engages guests of all ages, cultural and economic backgrounds in science learning experiences consisting of hands-on, interactive exhibits and a broad array of educational programs, serving everyone from at-risk neighborhood youth to the state's top science scholars.

ENCOMPASS (www.encompass.org): Encompass is dedicated to sparking compassion, personal responsibility and an appreciation of differences among teenagers. Programs inspire dialogue between people of all cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds. Interactive workshops offer a safe place for high school students to learn about and discuss difficult topics such as stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination.

Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA) (www.heartofla.org): HOLA is committed to lowering the 55% dropout rate in the LAUSD high school system. HOLA's high school Rites of Passage Encounter and Bridges middle school programs are geared toward academic advancement and preparing students for post-secondary education.

Para Los Niños (www.paralosninos.org): Through its youth center, the organization provides a broad array of services to low income children, youth and families. Their work includes academic enrichment, tutoring, high school leadership councils, post-secondary education preparation, crisis intervention and counseling.

PUENTE Learning Center (www.puente.org): Founded in 1985 to meet the educational needs of East Los Angeles residents, PUENTE Learning Center now operates facilities in the inner-city communities of East and South Los Angeles. Its programs are designed to empower students to realize their academic potential in order to improve their lives, the lives of their family members, and the community at large.

WriteGirl (www.writegirl.org): WriteGirl pairs professional women writers with high school girls from low-income areas in central Los Angeles for one-on-one mentoring and workshops with the goal of developing creative writing skills. Each year, WriteGirl publishes an anthology of the students' and mentors' work.

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