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## ***The Networks of 11Alive and the Gannett Foundation Award Grants to Twenty Georgia Nonprofits***

*Atlanta, Ga*—This year, **the Networks of 11Alive** through the Gannett Foundation have awarded grants to twenty local area nonprofit organizations. WXIA-TV President and General Manager, John Deushane, “**The Networks of 11Alive** strive every day to celebrate the human spirit through our on air and on line properties, showcasing the amazing work being done in our community helping others. We are honored and thrilled to be able, through the Gannett Foundation, to support these local organizations that are making such a difference for all of us who call Atlanta home.”

The twenty organizations are:

*Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children*—Funds will provide a safe and nurturing environment to meet the educational and critical needs of the children in the shelter as well as the parenting needs of the mothers.

*Camp Sunshine*— Donated funds will support Family Camp Weekend, which provides families of children with cancer a rare opportunity to meet and interact with other families having similar experiences.

*Center for Puppetry Arts* —A grant will fund a production of “Ruth and the Green Book”, a story of an African American family traveling from Chicago to Alabama in the Jim Crow era.

*Communities in Schools of Atlanta*— CIS is a social services children/youth organization that has been helping students in Atlanta since 1972. Funds provided will support their West End Performance Learning Center which operates as a partnership between CIS and Atlanta Public Schools to encourage

struggling high school students to stay in school and earn their diplomas. The program serves approximately 90 students each year and features internships, mentors and computer based curriculum and tutorial programs.

*Cool Girls, Inc.* — Cool Girls comprises nine different award-winning free of charge programs for girls in 11 low-income public schools in metro Atlanta. The focus is on developing character, providing educational and academic support, encouraging physical health and cultural enrichment. Cool Girls believes that breaking down barriers and giving girls opportunities to explore and seek success can unlock the potential of every girl.

*East Lake Foundation*— The East Lake Foundation seeks funds for the Charles R. Drew Charter After School Program —which supports 280 students Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade by encouraging academic success through a focus on homework assistance and tutoring tied to classroom curriculum.

*GCAPP* —The Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention —Grant is in support of their long term strategic goal to reduce Georgia's teen pregnancy rate by 15% by the year 2015.

*Georgia Conservancy* —Grant will fund their Scholarship Program for Outdoor Adventure Trips by creating scholarships for under-served Hispanic and African-American families and college students. The program provides an inclusive and safe environment for participants to experience the outdoors and learn about Georgia's natural resources, native species and unique habitats.

*Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation*—The GLLF helps thousands of impoverished Georgians in Metro Atlanta obtain vision and hearing care at little or no cost. They offer complete eye exams and prescription glasses free of charge.

*Lekotek of Georgia.*—Lekotek helps special needs children develop their abilities in a positive, nurturing environment by focusing on what they *can* do. At Lekotek, a child that is paralyzed can use a device like the "head mouse" which allows them to use a computer by simply moving their head.

*Juvenile Justice Fund* —A grant will fund the Family Visitation Program, which allows children placed in foster care to have supervised visits with their parents. The JJF aims to minimize the disruption of a difficult situation by providing a safe and neutral setting for reuniting the family.

*Moving in the Spirit* —Moving in the Spirit is a youth development program that uses dance to teach values and leadership skills. The program empowers young people from under-served communities, equipping them with tools to overcome the obstacles they face every day. The Grant has been awarded to fund Stepping Stones, a program which uses a blend of dance and character education to teach 150 children and teens each week.

*Open Hand* —Project Open Hand's mission is to help people prevent or better manage chronic disease (HIV/AIDS, Type 2 Diabetes, Cardiovascular disease, cancer, etc.) through comprehensive nutritional care; combining home-delivered meals and nutrition education as a means to reinforce the connection between informed food choices and quality of life.

*Salvation Army* — The Salvation Army will use the grant funds for the Red Shield Services Unit, to purchase food, supplies, building maintenance and offset operating costs of the Traditional Housing Facility, a newly expanded facility serving Atlanta’s homeless. The funds will go toward emergency and transitional housing, addiction recovery, life-skills development and education, disaster services and special needs programs.

*Special Olympics of Georgia* —Funds granted will help to send athletes to the World Games in Greece in June 2011 and also to support Special Olympic Athletes in the Georgia State Games.

*UNCF* —UNCF’s mission is to enhance quality education by raising operating funds for the 39 member colleges and universities—4 in Atlanta—with financial assistance for deserving students and those that would not otherwise be able to afford a college education.

*VOX Teen Communications*—Funds will support their youth media educational program for the upcoming school year. VOX will expand workshop curricula and offerings for Atlanta-area teens to include multi-media training and outlets for youth. With VOX, teens from different backgrounds—mostly minority—work with staff and volunteer mentors to create the region’s only youth newspaper in print and online.

*The Woodruff Arts Center*—Funds provided will support the Woodruff Arts Center’s artistic and educational programming and help to make arts programs accessible to all members of the Atlanta community.

*Young Men’s Christian Association of Metro Atlanta* —Grant funds will support the YMCA’s camp program, a fundamental program of the YMCA, which teaches young people the importance of physical well-being, self-confidence and leadership through a camp experience. Funds provided will support an expansion of Camp High Harbour to the Lake Lanier area.

*Zoo Atlanta* —Grant will support the Zoo Field Trip program which provides the educational Zoo experience free of charge to more than 1400 Atlanta area under-served youth through qualified schools—the Sponsored Admission Program.

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