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AT&T Supports Nonprofit Organizations in Chattanooga; Builds Stronger Communities Through \$9 Million In National Grant Program

AT&T Excelerator Grants Assist Organizations Serving Diverse Ethnic Groups, Low-Income Families, People With Disabilities, Youth and Seniors

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 18, 2007 — The AT&T Foundation — the corporate philanthropy organization of AT&T Inc. (NYSE:T) — has announced that it has awarded more than \$60,000 to support four Chattanooga nonprofit organizations through the AT&T Excelerator competitive technology grant program.

Since 2002, the AT&T Excelerator program has provided more than 2,500 technology grants — totaling more than \$47.8 million — to organizations across the country. This year, the AT&T Foundation expanded the Excelerator grant program for the first time to include AT&T Southeast's nine-state service area.

“The AT&T Excelerator grant is making an impact at the Tennessee Aquarium every day,” said Charlie Arant, chief executive officer of the Tennessee Aquarium. “Through the grant, wireless audiovisual technology allows our penguin-keepers and educators to deliver interactive programs from inside the penguin exhibit. In addition, the Excelerator grant allowed us to set up a live ‘PenguinCAM’ inside the *Penguins Rock* exhibit. That means that people from literally around the world are coming to the Aquarium’s Web site to watch the live, streaming video of these captivating animals. This kind of virtual experience breaks down geographic and financial barriers so that everyone can learn more about the natural world around them and their role in it.”

The AT&T Excelerator program provides technology access to organizations working to strengthen communities in various ways. Helping nonprofits integrate technology into their operations and community outreach, AT&T Excelerator grants also assist in providing resources such as education programs, Internet access and job-skills development.



“For the past six years, the AT&T Excelerator program has demonstrated the importance of how technology can benefit communities and organizations,” said Patsy Hazlewood, AT&T Tennessee assistant vice president, External Affairs. “The Tennessee Aquarium and other organizations in Chattanooga will continue to use technology funded by this program to make our community a better place for all of us to live and work.”

Recipients of the 2007 Excelerator grants in Chattanooga illustrate the innovative ways technology can be used to meet their missions.

- **The Public Education Foundation:** President Dan Challener said: “In PEF’s partnership with Hamilton County schools, we’ve found that helping teachers share great ideas with one another goes a long way to improving schools across the country. This grant from AT&T will allow PEF to add yet another method for teachers to collaborate and share best practices.”
- **Signal Centers:** AT&T is helping Signal Centers build a brighter future for children and adults with disabilities. “The technology funded by this grant will help us better promote our vision of a community that fosters lifelong independence for children, adults and families,” said Donna McConnico, executive director, Signal Centers.
- **The Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga:** “We are excited to have the opportunity to use technology to make our community greater,” said Pete Cooper, foundation president. “AT&T’s generous award will allow us to create an innovative Web site, which provides interaction between donors, potential scholarship recipients, grant seekers and anyone with an interest in philanthropy. The site will be a community resource that encourages giving and inspires action to improve lives in the Chattanooga area.”

2007 AT&T Excelerator grants will help nonprofit organizations across the Chattanooga area and the U.S. improve their operations and build stronger communities through:

- **Internet Access** — networked, high speed access to the Internet and e-mail.
- **Data Networking** — network connectivity that enables easy sharing of database applications and information systems.
- **Online Outreach** — interactive, Web-based applications that support activities such as service delivery, volunteer recruiting and e-fundraising.
- **Staff Technology Capacity** — technology-training programs for nonprofit staff members.
- **Pooled Technology Resources** — programs that work to address the technology needs of multiple nonprofits.

In 2006, AT&T Inc. and the AT&T Foundation contributed more than \$101 million to nonprofit organizations across the country. With its strong giving record, the AT&T Foundation ranks among the most generous corporate foundations in the United States.

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