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AT&T Awards \$150,000 Grant to Bring Technology Tools to Louisville Nonprofits

Louisville Metro Council and ConnectKentucky Will Use Grant Funds to Bring Education and Technology Resources to Seven Louisville Nonprofits

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 24 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- AT&T Inc. today announced a \$150,000 grant to ConnectKentucky, the organization formed to help close the digital divide among Kentucky's youth. The grant from the AT&T Foundation, the corporate philanthropy organization of AT&T Inc., will benefit No Child Left Offline, an initiative that provides computers and enhanced technology tools to Louisville area students who are participating in educational programs offered by seven local nonprofit agencies.

"AT&T is committed to providing opportunities for all students to take advantage of the vast resources of the Internet and to experience technology firsthand," said Joan Coleman, president of AT&T Kentucky. "Education is our top priority, and private-public partnerships such as this provide hands-on learning opportunities that meet a need in our community and get our students excited about learning."

The Louisville Metro Council is helping to lead the initiative in the Louisville area. "The Louisville Metro Council and AT&T are working together with ConnectKentucky to help our community bridge the digital divide," said Ken Fleming, councilman of the Louisville Metro Council. "Hilliard Lyons also has stepped up to support the initiative, and we hope other companies will join these good corporate citizens. Our contributions will improve computer access to some of our city's poorest neighborhoods and give children access to the Internet and its many educational resources."

"This relationship with AT&T, the Louisville Metro Council, Hilliard Lyons and ConnectKentucky is bringing No Child Left Offline to an urban center for the first time," said Andrew V. McNeill, executive director of Policy and Advocacy for ConnectKentucky. "The digital divide is as much of a concern in our cities as it is in rural America, and No Child Left Offline is designed to meet both of those challenges."

During the coming weeks, additional agencies will be selected for the program based on need.

AT&T is committed to investing in programs that enhance and enable success in education for students of all ages. The AT&T Foundation supports initiatives that help students throughout the higher education continuum: the successful completion of high school; preparation for and entrance to college; and degree completion and graduation. Additionally, the AT&T Foundation supports organizations and programs that integrate technology into daily classroom instruction and administration activities, develop community and civic leadership and encourage workforce development.