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Communities In Schools and Goodrich Corporation celebrate 10-year partnership at Westerly Hills Elementary

Charlotte, NC – This year marks the 10-year anniversary of Goodrich Corporation's support of the Communities In Schools (CIS) program at Westerly Hills Elementary School in west Charlotte. CIS, along with students and staff at Westerly Hills, will recognize Goodrich at a special breakfast celebration this Thursday, December 3 at 8:00 a.m. in the school's media center.

"Communities In Schools and Westerly Hills have been very fortunate to have such an outstanding corporate partner as Goodrich over the past 10 years," said Dr. Bill Anderson, CIS executive director. "Not only has Goodrich provided the financial support needed for a full-time CIS position to work with students and families at the school, but Goodrich has also encouraged its employees to volunteer and provide support for numerous special events and school projects."

With the goal of dropout prevention and helping at-risk students stay in school, Communities In Schools provides support and connects resources to some of Charlotte-Mecklenburg's most impoverished schools. In addition to school-based services coordinated by a CIS employee at the school site, CIS recruits businesses, civic, and faith-based organizations to partner with these schools to help improve attendance, promotion, and stay in school rates.

"Goodrich places a premium on education and supporting the community where our employees live and work," said Kelly Chopus, community relations director for Goodrich. "CIS has excellent success rates for helping kids to stay in school and graduate, and we are proud to support this important program."

In addition to breakfast, there will be a brief presentation to recognize Goodrich, including a performance of holiday songs by Westerly Hills students. Also attending the event will be several West Mecklenburg High School students, who are former Westerly Hills students that benefited from the CIS-Goodrich partnership while enrolled at Westerly Hills.

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About Communities In Schools

Communities In Schools (CIS) is the nation's largest and most effective dropout prevention organization, helping young people stay in school, successfully learn, and prepare for life by connecting needed community resources with schools. CIS of Charlotte-Mecklenburg currently serves more than 5,000 students annually in 41 Charlotte-Mecklenburg public schools. For more information, visit www.cischarlotte.org

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CIS presented a framed photo collage to Goodrich Corporation in recognition of its 10-year partnership with CIS and Westerly Hills Elementary.