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Communities In Schools Receives \$10,000 Grant from Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation

CHARLOTTE, NC – Communities In Schools of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Inc., (CIS) a drop-out prevention program that helps young people succeed in school, announced today it has received a \$10,000 grant from Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation. The grant will fund Communities In Schools' ThinkCOLLEGE[®] program, a college access and advisement program for high school students. The program provides information and encouragement to CIS students who want to attend college. Trained Career Advisors coordinate services for students including individual advisement, study skills instruction, career exploration, job shadowing and internships, college campus tours, admissions information, assistance with financial aid and college admission applications, and scholarships.

“We are delighted that Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation has chosen to support our ThinkCOLLEGE[®] program,” said Dr. Bill Anderson, Communities In Schools Executive Director. “Currently we have more than 200 CIS graduates enrolled in college, many of whom are the first in their family to attend college. With this generous support from Weyerhaeuser, we can continue building the program and help even more students realize their dream of attending college.”

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Communities In Schools of Charlotte-Mecklenburg

As part of the nation's largest and most effective dropout prevention network, the mission of Communities In Schools of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Inc. is to help disadvantaged young people stay in school, successfully learn, and prepare for life by connecting needed community resources with schools. Since 1985, CIS has mobilized locally existing resources and coordinated partnerships with health and human service agencies to help thousands of at-risk students overcome academic, social, and economic barriers. In addition to providing support services to students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg public schools, the scope of current CIS programming also addresses college access, career exploration and workforce development. Visit www.cischarlotte.org for more information.

Weyerhaeuser Company

Weyerhaeuser Company, one of the world's largest integrated forest products companies, was incorporated in 1900. In 2005, sales were \$22.6 billion. It has offices or operations in 18 countries, with customers worldwide. Weyerhaeuser is principally engaged in the growing and harvesting of timber; the manufacture, distribution and sale of forest products; and real estate construction, development and related activities. Additional information about Weyerhaeuser's businesses, products and practices is available at <http://www.weyerhaeuser.com>.

The mission of the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation is to improve the quality of life in communities where Weyerhaeuser has a presence. Since 1948, the Foundation has directed more than \$183 million to the communities where Weyerhaeuser employees work, live and play. Nationwide, the Foundation's annual philanthropic budget totals \$10 million.