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### **AT&T Support Helps Prepare Henrico Kids for College, Work & Future**

RICHMOND, VA (November 15, 2016) – With a \$35,000 contribution from AT&T, the Henrico Education Foundation (HEF) will help economically disadvantaged students prepare for college and beyond.

“AT&T has been a remarkable champion for public education. Their contribution to HEF is strengthening schools across Henrico County by expanding youth leadership programs and providing resources for students struggling academically to graduate on time and reach their fullest potential. HEF is excited about this unique opportunity to work with AT&T in support of students and teachers in the classroom. Thank you for investing in the future of our community’s children,” said Mike Taylor, Executive Director, Henrico Education Foundation, Inc.

Taylor said AT&T’s support is providing funding for programming and initiatives that strengthen student achievement, create youth leadership prospects, provide workforce development programs and resources to ensure that every child, no matter their financial ability, has access to exceptional learning opportunities.

Vince Apruzzese, AT&T’s regional vice president for External Affairs in Virginia, made the announcement on behalf of the company. He said AT&T’s support will help keep students on a path to graduation and prepare the region’s future business, tech and community leaders. The contribution is part of AT&T Aspire.

“We provide opportunities and support programs that help young people develop the skills they will need in school, on the job and in life” Apruzzese said. “Our support of HEF will help students — regardless of age, gender or income — make their biggest dreams a reality.”

#### ***About HEF***

*HEF is an independent nonprofit providing Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS) with additional education programs, financial resources and support to increase student achievement and create innovation in the classroom. Over the past two decades, HEF has played a vital role in meeting the educational needs of Henrico’s children.*

*As a foundation, we do more than just provide additional funding for public education, we are innovators working in partnership with parents, teachers and administrators, continually identifying and developing initiatives that improve school performance and student achievement. Our program and funding priorities focus on implementing research-based initiatives that enhance learning in the classroom, create best practices and complement HCPS improvement plans. We support all schools in Henrico County, working to provide every student the support and resources they need for success.*

*HEF's mission is to prepare students for college, career and community by connecting philanthropy with strategic initiatives that strengthen public education in Henrico County.*

***About Philanthropy & Social Innovation at AT&T***

*AT&T Inc. is committed to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives. Through its community initiatives, AT&T has a long history of investing in projects that create learning opportunities; promote academic and economic achievement; or address community needs. AT&T Aspire is AT&T's signature philanthropic initiative that drives innovation in education by bringing diverse resources to bear on the issue including funding, technology, employee volunteerism, and mentoring. Through Aspire, we've passed the \$250 million mark on our plan to invest \$350 million in education from 2008-2017.*

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