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RIVER OAK CENTER FOR CHILDREN RECEIVES \$20,000 CONTRIBUTION FROM AT&T

SACRAMENTO, December 11, 2009 – River Oak Center for Children today announced that it has received a \$20,000 contribution from AT&T to support leadership development and access to technology for low-income, transition age youth ages 13-18 served by the agency’s programs.

The funding will support the purchase of computers, digital cameras and other technology necessary for youth to make a multi-media presentation on their experiences as mental health consumers at a youth leadership conference in early May 2010. The contribution will also help establish an after-school computer lab at River Oak’s Carmichael location, to be used by teens to complete schoolwork, utilize educational software, perform job searches, develop resumes, and explore their interests.

“We are thrilled to have received this generous support from AT&T,” said Dr. Mary Hargrave, President and CEO of River Oak. “As we all know, access to technology is a vital link to the modern world and provides opportunities for tremendous learning and growth. Coming from low-income families, such access often is limited for the children and youth River Oak serves. The equipment to be purchased with AT&T support will expose our teens to technology, enhance their self-esteem and self-confidence, and develop leadership ability – qualities that will increase their chances of success in school and in life.”

“We’re proud to support innovative education programs that inspire and enrich the lives of young people in our community – especially those most at-risk,” said Kathy McKim, AT&T Vice President of External Affairs – Sacramento. “AT&T salutes River Oak Center for Children and the great work they are doing to provide much-needed support, counseling and learning opportunities for Sacramento area youth.”

Since 1966, River Oak Center for Children (www.riveroak.org) has helped children and youth who need support, coaching and treatment to thrive at school, at home and in the community. Through evidence-based programs, River Oak strengthens close to 2,000 at-risk children and families each year to manage life’s challenges and achieve their full potential.

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