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**AT&T PRESENTS CONTRIBUTION TO FUTURES FOR KIDS (F4K) with STATE LAWMAKERS**

**RALEIGH, N.C., February 20, 2009** – Futures for Kids (F4K) will receive a donation of \$50,000 from AT&T to support North Carolina students in their career development. AT&T will present the contribution to F4K in the company of Wake County educators and state lawmakers on Monday, Feb. 23 at 4:30 p.m. at the NC General Assembly's Legislative Building.

“Every child has the potential to succeed and to achieve something great,” said Venessa Harrison, AT&T’s Director-External Affairs for North Carolina. “But fulfilling that potential requires both hope for today and vision for the future. We are excited to support an organization that helps students make the connection between their interests and talents and potential careers, opening doors to success and opportunity which the children may not have recognized before, let alone been willing to walk through.”

F4K will use the donation to expand the availability of the program in North Carolina as well as outreach efforts to the community. School staff will be equipped with the tools to reach all their students, who will be able to use the program to create personalized high school graduation plans and maintain an online portfolio to support their NC Graduation Project. In addition, increased community awareness will allow F4K to provide additional Career Coaches for its e-mentoring component and engage parents to actively participate in their child’s high school and career planning.

“F4K is about equipping students with the resources they need to find their passion and succeed,” said Susan Milliken, Executive Director of Futures for Kids. “We are very grateful for partners like AT&T that understand the importance of reaching students while they are still making decisions about their futures.”

**About Futures for Kids (F4K)**

Futures for Kids is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that seeks to bridge the gap between the hopes and dreams of our students and the workforce development needs of our communities. Now reaching students in 30 counties, F4K uses technology to create a community of support around our kids, encouraging them to explore careers by connecting with Career Coaches and companies across North Carolina. For more information about F4K or to sign up as a Career Coach, please visit the website at [www.f4k.org](http://www.f4k.org).

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