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**RBC BANK DONATES TO FUTURES FOR KIDS**

**RALEIGH, N.C., January 15, 2009** – RBC Bank recently donated \$5,000 to Futures for Kids (F4K) to help support North Carolina children in their career development.

F4K will use the donation to enhance program features available to the schools and expand 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 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.

"Futures for Kids shares our commitment to providing our youth with the tools and education needed to succeed," said Courtney Farfour, manager, Public and Business Banking for RBC Bank. "RBC Bank is proud to support this organization and North Carolina students."

"Connecting students with their local business community provides relevance," said Susan Milliken, Executive Director of Futures for Kids. "We are very grateful for partners like RBC Bank that understand the importance of reaching students while they are still making decisions about their futures."

**About RBC Bank**

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## **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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