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AT&T RENEWS GRANT FOR KHEDF EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

Wichita, KS June 28, 2013—The Kansas Hispanic Education & Development Foundation (KHEDF) has been awarded a \$10,000 contribution from AT&T to help Hispanic students succeed in college.

“KHEDF is grateful to have the continued support of AT&T, a company that recognizes the value of higher education and is willing to provide resources to prepare the next generation of Hispanic leaders,” said Yolanda Camarena, President of the KHEDF Board of Directors. “This collaboration allows us to provide opportunities for Hispanic students for education and leadership development.”

\$5,000 of the contribution will fund the Tu Futuro: Through Education & Leadership Workshop. During the one-day workshop, 140 Hispanic high school juniors from USD 259 will be provided with information and resources to help them gain admittance into a post secondary institution. Activities will focus on college readiness, financial aid, careers, and leadership development.

The other \$5,000 will provide scholarships to Hispanic high school seniors in Wichita and surrounding area for the 2014-2015 academic school year.

“AT&T is committed to working with valued non-profit partners like KHEDF that are leading the way in helping prepare Hispanic students who seek to achieve their higher education goals,” said Les Depperschmidt, Director of External Affairs with AT&T in Wichita.

AT&T’s support for the KHEDF is part of the company’s AT&T Aspire initiative, which is a commitment to help more students graduate from high school ready for college and careers. Among the most significant corporate educational initiatives in the U.S., AT&T Aspire has already impacted more than one million students across all 50 states since the program launched in 2008. With more than \$100 million invested since 2008, AT&T Aspire has expanded its efforts with an additional quarter-billion dollar financial commitment planned over five years.

AT&T is building on its commitment to tackle high school success and college/career readiness for students at-risk of dropping out of high school through a much larger, "socially innovative" approach. Social innovation engages people and technology to bring different approaches, new solutions and added resources to challenging social problems. As part of AT&T’s commitment to using social innovative approaches, AT&T has engaged local organizations like KHEDF, because the company recognizes that local organizations can play an important role in directly impacting students in their communities since they are on the front lines of education each and every day.

"Education is the key to our children's future and the economic future of Kansas," said State Representative Nile Dillmore. "With the assistance of AT&T, KHEDF will be able to help equip more

students with the knowledge and skills that will help them continue their education and achieve success in college and in their career.”

About KHEDF

The Kansas Hispanic Education & Development Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 2007. It serves Kansas Hispanic students and professionals by providing opportunities for education & leadership development.

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