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TG awards more than \$5.2 million in competitive grants to advance college access and student retention

Round Rock, TX – TG has awarded more than \$5.2 million in grants to 42 institutions and non-profit organizations to advance access to college, student retention and educational research. This is the third consecutive year that TG will award the competitive grants through its Public Benefit Grant Program, the company's philanthropic initiative.

In reviewing grant proposals, TG required each non-profit organization to use grant funding to improve access to, or participation in, postsecondary education, college retention, and student access. The grant funding also should be used to help, either directly or indirectly, students from low- to moderate-income families. Priority also was given to proposals that addressed the needs of first-generation college students, students from high schools with low college-going rates, and/or students who are under-represented in higher education.

TG's grant funds will help this year's award recipients with efforts in financial aid with need-based grants to students; student mentoring and internships; pre-college outreach to students and families; academic support and instruction; student retention; student transfer guidance and support; and education research. Last year, TG awarded \$3.8 million in grants to 28 institutions and nonprofit organizations.

"There is a great need to create better access to college, and to help students overcome obstacles to stay in school," said Sue McMillin, TG president and CEO. "We are proud that through TG's Public Benefit Grant Program, we can support these organizations in providing services and exploring new avenues to help students and families realize their higher educational goals."

The TG Public Benefit Grant recipients for 2007-2008 include:

- Claymont City Schools (Uhrichsville, OH)
- Cleveland Scholarship Programs, Inc.
- College Forward (Austin)
- Council for Opportunity in Education/Pell Institute (Washington, DC)
- Edison State Community College (Piqua, OH)
- Family Centered Educational Agency, Inc. (South Holland, IL)
- Kalamazoo College (MI)
- Middle Georgia Center for Academic Excellence (Macon)
- National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (Washington, DC)
- National College Access Network (Cleveland)
- New Mexico State University

- Northeast Lakeview College (San Antonio)
- Ohio College Access Network (Columbus)
- Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (Columbus)
- Sam Houston State University (Huntsville, TX)
- Schreiner University (Kerrville, TX)
- South Texas College (McAllen)
- Southern Methodist University
- Southern State Community College (Hillsboro, OH)
- Southwest Key Programs (Austin)
- St. Edward's University (Austin)
- Stark Education Partnership, Inc. (Canton, OH)
- Texas A&M University Agricultural Experiment Station (Edinburg)
- Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (Dallas)
- Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- Texas Association of Developing Colleges (Dallas)
- Texas State Technical College (Harlingen)
- Texas Wesleyan University (Fort Worth)
- University of Central Florida
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- University of North Texas
- University of North Texas Health Science Center (Fort Worth)
- University of Texas-Austin
- University of Texas-Dallas
- University of Texas-El Paso
- University of Texas/Ray Marshall Center
- University of Texas-San Antonio
- University of Texas System
- Ursuline College (Pepper Pike, OH)
- Vernon College (TX)
- Victoria College (TX)
- Wilmington College (OH)

TG's Public Benefit Grant Program is administered based solely on merit and needs, and without regard to the business of TG or any form of *quid pro quo* consideration.

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About TG: TG is a public, nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). Its vision is to be the premier source of information, financing, and assistance to help all families and students realize their educational and career dreams. Additional information about TG can be found online at www.tgslc.org. This press release can be downloaded from www.tgslc.org/newsroom/.