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**The Community Foundation's Third Annual Spirit of Giving Guide  
Highlights 15 Workforce Development Programs  
– Nonprofits Selected for the Guide Each Receive \$10,000 –**

**Washington, DC** – The Community Foundation for the National Region has released its third annual Spirit of Giving Guide, which this year focuses on the critical issue of employment for low-income people. The 15 nonprofits profiled in the guide – each of which will receive a \$10,000 grant from The Community Foundation – are small organizations that were selected by an committee of experts for their capacity, financial standing, strong leadership, and demonstrated outcomes.

The 2005-2006 Spirit of Giving Guide is subtitled “Jobs, Families and the American Dream in the Washington, D.C. Region.” Organizations highlighted in the Guide range from those providing training for jobs in specific sectors, such as healthcare, to those providing more general supports to help people become “work ready,” such as language and literacy training, clothing for interviews, and help finding stable housing. All of the programs have operating budgets under \$2 million, a criteria that is intended to support groups without the organizational resources to do extensive promotion on their own.

“The workforce development programs featured in this year’s Spirit of Giving Guide are giving people an opportunity to earn a living wage, to create a better future for their families, and become full participants in our region’s economy,” said Terri Lee Freeman, president of The Community Foundation. “We’re excited that this year, we are able to award \$10,000 to each of the nonprofits selected for the Guide. We hope our investment in these outstanding programs will strengthen their capacity and encourage others to offer similar levels of support.”

The Washington region boasts one of the nation’s most vibrant economies, but many people are not benefiting from this economic vitality. In the midst of prosperity, poverty rates in the region are increasing. Between 1990 and 2000, the number of people living in poverty in the region increased by 32 percent, and thousands of residents are unable to move beyond low-skilled, low-paying jobs to more sustainable incomes and careers. The Guide identifies barriers that prevent low-income adults and youth from securing employment.

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The fifteen organizations selected for the 2005-2006 Spirit of Giving Guide are:

- 3rd & Eats Restaurant
- Academy of Hope
- Business Development Assistance Group
- Carlos Rosario International Career Ctr.
- Enterprise Staffing Solutions
- Infant/Toddler Family Day Care
- Jobs for Homeless People
- Jubilee Jobs
- Newcomer Community Service Center
- Senior Employment Resources
- STRIVE DC
- Suited for Change
- Urban Alliance Foundation
- Virginia Justice Center
- Workforce Organizations for Regional Collaboration

**The 2005-2006 Spirit of Giving Guide: Jobs, Family and the American Dream in the Washington, D.C. Region is available online at [www.cfncr.org](http://www.cfncr.org), or call 202-955-5890 to request a copy.**

*Established in 1973, The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region leverages the philanthropic investments of families, individuals and corporate donors with the expertise and resources of the area's largest community of givers. The Community Foundation is a collection of funds that support nonprofits that address our community's most pressing needs and works to enrich our lives. Last year, donors with funds at The Community Foundation awarded more than \$83 million to nonprofit organizations, with 75 percent of these grants supporting programs in the region.*

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