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**YMCA Black and Hispanic Achievers Program
Receives Comcast Foundation Support**

(Chicago, IL) March 18, 2009—The YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago Black and Hispanic Achievers (BAHA) program recently received a \$20,000 gift from The Comcast Foundation to support program activities for teens.

BAHA enhances the academic, personal and career development of African-American and Latino youth. These 7th through 12th-grade students participate in Career Cluster Sessions which expose them to different career opportunities; personal development workshops; community service projects; individualized assistance with job, college and scholarship applications; leadership development opportunities; and job shadowing and college tour experiences.

“Comcast’s support helps us serve more at-risk youth in the program, better prepare them for higher education and career development to make post-high school dreams a reality,” said Stephen S. Cole, president and CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago.

Comcast is a year-round partner to the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago as a host company of BAHA’s teen job shadowing days. Additionally, Comcast has committed to providing scholarship and summer opportunities to program participants.

For more information about BAHA, please contact Tequilla Lopez, Program Coordinator, at 708-497-1141 or at tequilla_lopez@ymcachgo.org.

Note to Editor:

Photo can be found at: www.ymcachgo.org/about/newsroom_photos.php

Photo caption: Debra Marton (far right), Regional Corporate Affairs Manager for Comcast, presents Comcast’s donation to (from left to right) Peter Sari and Tequilla Lopez of the YMCA and students during the program session held on Saturday, March 7.

About the YMCA of Metro Chicago:

Through its 65 locations and more than 100 extension sites, the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago helps children learn and grow, teaches young people to lead, brings families closer, and encourages individual health and well-being. As one of the largest non-profit organizations in Chicago and one of the largest human services organizations in the nation, YMCA programs impact hundreds of thousands of lives annually, helping to strengthen neighborhoods and respond to community needs across Chicagoland. To learn more, visit www.ymcachgo.org.

About the Comcast Foundation:

This grant from The Comcast Foundation is in recognition of Comcast's commitment to the communities where its customers and employees live and work. Since its founding in 1999, The Comcast Foundation has contributed more than \$50 million in support of programs implemented locally in Comcast communities.

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