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Emerging Scholars Program Awarded Grant

2009 ExxonMobil Employees' Favorite Charities Campaign and ExxonMobil Corporation supports ESP program

Fairfax, VA, November 30, 2009—Emerging Scholars Program has received a grant on behalf of the ExxonMobil Employees' Charities Campaign to help fund its fourteen month academic and leadership academy.

Emerging Scholars Program, "ESP," provides an academic, cultural, and social enrichment program for a diverse group of students who, without financial assistance, could not consider a college preparatory program. ESP offers deserving, bright fifth grade girls and boys from limited income backgrounds the opportunity to reach their potential. Successful graduates are placed into some of the best independent schools in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. ESP supports its graduates through their entire educational journey, from initial placement through college. ESP recognizes the importance of the family in the success of students and as such, parents are prepared to meet the demands the academy creates on the entire family.

Since its founding in 2004, 109 students from six classes have enrolled in ESP. The acceptance rate of ESP graduates into independent schools is 90%. ESP students who attend independent schools have received an estimated average of over \$120,000 per student in scholarship commitments.

ESP would like to thank the anonymous donor at ExxonMobil who selected ESP as a grant recipient. It is through the generosity of individuals, foundations and corporations that ESP continues to offer the academy free of charge to its students and their families.

"Once again, our employees set a new giving record, despite these hard economic times," said Patrick Dexter, Headquarters Community Relations Advisor for ExxonMobil Corporation. "Our employees responded to calls for support of local health and human services organizations in the Greater Washington area; supporting organizations where we live and work is a basic principle of community relations at ExxonMobil. It's important to all our employees that we be active community leaders."

Employees and ExxonMobil Corporation contributed more than \$2.7 million to support hundreds of different non-profit organizations. The ExxonMobil Employees' Favorite Charities Campaign provided employees with the opportunity to choose a charity with 100% of their contribution going to the designated charity.