

For Third Consecutive Year, Sprint Awards Grant to Equal Footing Foundation

HERNDON, VA -- (Marketwire) -- 11/03/08 -- The Equal Footing Foundation (EFF), the charitable arm of the Northern Virginia Technology Council with programs for youth development and education for underserved youth in the region, announced today that for the third consecutive year, Sprint through the Sprint Foundation has given a donation of \$25,000 to support youth development and educational programs. This year the donation will enable Effort and rockets program into a year-long initiative and support activities at the Reston Computer Clubhouse and to support Robotics program for all six Computer Clubhouses to help our students foster an interest in engineering, technical programming.



"Sprint has been a tremendous partner to EFF's Computer Clubhouse programs over the past three years. Through EFF is able to deliver more of our programs focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, (STEM) to a Partnerships like these, between corporate philanthropy organizations and local nonprofits create better programs leveraging the knowledge of local nonprofit missions and programs and the financial impact of a corporate foundation of educational initiatives that this area needs," said Colleen Hahn, EFF's president and executive director.

Equal Footing Foundation provides scholarships, youth development and educational programs to underserved youth through a community-based after-school program called the Computer Clubhouse. The Computer Clubhouse program is an international effort dedicated to offering resources, scholarships, technology and mentors for students in need. The six Computer Clubhouses in Fairfax County that serve 1,500 students a week and plans to launch a rural Computer Clubhouse in time for the 2008-2009 school year. Our goal is to provide 'equal' access to resources to get students experienced with technologies so they can develop skills and experiences to compete in a skilled and educated workforce.

"We are proud to continue our relationship with the Equal Footing Foundation," said Ralph Reid, vice president of Corporate Responsibility and president of the Sprint Foundation. "We believe that it is vital to invest in the communities in which The Equal Footing Foundation provides valuable educational opportunities for youth in Northern Virginia and we are expand the programs they offer."

About the Sprint Foundation

Since its establishment in 1989, the Sprint Foundation has provided nearly \$100 million to community organizations with a special emphasis on those supporting K-12 education, positive youth development, arts and culture outreach and Internet safety. Through direct grants and a robust matching-gifts program for employees and retirees, the Sprint Foundation thoughtfully delivers Sprint's commitment to championing the communities where Sprint customers and employees

About Equal Footing Foundation

Equal Footing Foundation is a Virginia-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on youth development and education. They provide an equal opportunity environment where youth can access the tools needed to successfully compete in the workforce. We accomplish this goal by funding, launching and sustaining Computer Clubhouses in partnership with businesses and other non-profit entities. The Computer Clubhouses we support are centrally located within established centers, in close proximity to schools and bus routes for easy after school access. The result is an innovative and learning center where children ages 8-18, many of whom do not have access to technology at home, work with adults to develop, and explore their potential. For more information, visit: www.e footing.org.

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