



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT:

Marsha Belcher

312/795-1254

mbelcher@cedaorg.net

Comcast presents \$75,000 Foundation Grant for Expansion of Computer Center in Robbins

Comcast is a 3-year partner of the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County Inc. (CEDA)

CHICAGO (November 20, 2007) – Comcast, a partner of the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County (**CEDA**), donated \$75,000 to help CEDA Southeast fund its expansion of a Community Computer Center at 3518 West 139th Street in Robbins, IL.

Comcast presented the first of three \$25,000 checks during CEDA’s executive board of director’s meeting, demonstrating its continuing commitment to bridging the digital divide in this impoverished community.

“It’s very important to Comcast to give back to the communities in which we live and work,” said Sandy Weicher, Comcast South Area Vice President. “We focus on organizations that help empower residents and this grant to CEDA aligns with our goals to help improve their quality of life.”

“We are so grateful to Comcast and CEDA for establishing a Community Computer Center in Robbins,” said Mayor Irene Brodie. “21st Century technology will enable our citizens to upgrade their computer and job skills.”

The relationship between CEDA and Comcast developed this year when CEDA applied for the Comcast Foundation’s prestigious President’s Grant. “With this Comcast Foundation grant, CEDA’s plan is to give our constituency the advanced computer skills they need,” said CEDA President & CEO Robert Wharton. “There has been a digital revolution, and some parts of our society have still not caught up, but we are creating a model in Robbins, IL that we hope can be duplicated in other communities.”

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 distributed over \$30 million in support of programs implemented locally in Comcast communities.

CEDA is a nonprofit community action agency serving 375,000 individuals annually with a budget of more than \$150 million. A nationally acclaimed leader in the quest to eliminate poverty, CEDA operates many innovative, highly effective family and community-based programs throughout Cook County. To learn more about CEDA’s programs and impact on Chicago and Cook County, or to schedule an interview with CEDA President Robert L. Wharton, please contact Jerry Thomas of Jerry Thomas Public Relations at (312) 285-5166.
