



# News Release

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## **AT&T Gives \$8,000 for Career Training Program for Lansing Students with Special Needs**

*Contribution will help fund Lansing's Transitioning for Life Success Project*

Lansing, Kan., July 20, 2017—AT&T\* announced a \$8,000 contribution to help support the Lansing Education Foundation's Transitioning for Life Success Project. The funding will help provide cutting-edge programming, training materials, and instructional supplies for post-secondary job placement and career goal support for Lansing's students with special needs.

"With AT&T's contribution, we can help expand career prospects for our students with special needs and help them gain essential life-long learning skills," said Ninevah Carvan, director, Lansing Education Foundation. "Collaborations with community partners like AT&T help us increase educational and employment opportunities for our students. We are grateful for their generosity and support for the Transitioning for Life Success Project."

"Investing in our students and in education is one the best decisions we can make for our community," said State Representative Debbie Deere. "By engaging educators and leveraging AT&T's contribution, the Lansing Education Foundation is helping enhance the career and academic prospects for these students with special needs and giving them skills they need to have a bright future outside the classroom."

The contribution will support a Career Awareness Center, which will create programming based on job and life skills needed to be successful in the work place including money management, self-advocacy, interviewing, resume building, time management and organizational skills. Additionally, students will also attend a Transitions Job Fair that will expose students to numerous careers, university life and real job interviewing experience with local business community members.

"Education has been a priority for AT&T for more than a century, and we believe that when we invest in education, we are making our communities stronger, safer and more economically sustainable," said Mike Scott, president, AT&T Kansas. "We are proud to support the Lansing Education Foundation and the Lansing Transition for Life Success Project, which will help spur more career opportunities for students with special needs."



AT&T's support for the Lansing Education Foundation is part of the company's ongoing commitment to education. AT&T's signature philanthropic initiative, AT&T Aspire, drives innovation in education – through technology, social innovation and relationships – to ensure all students have the skills they need to succeed in school and beyond. Through AT&T Aspire, we have passed the \$300 million mark on our plan to invest \$350 million in education from 2008–2017.

#### **About Philanthropy & Social Innovation at AT&T**

AT&T is committed to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives. Through its community initiatives, AT&T has a long history of investing in projects that create learning opportunities; promote academic and economic achievement; or address community needs. AT&T Aspire is AT&T's signature philanthropic initiative that drives innovation in education by bringing diverse resources to bear on the issue including funding, technology, employee volunteerism, and mentoring. Through Aspire, we've passed the \$250 million mark on our plan to invest \$350 million in education from 2008-2017.

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