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Three Families in Need Receive Computer Desks as Part of Akari Energy Community Relations Efforts

HOUSTON, TX (August 24, 2009) – A computer desk may not seem like a great deal to many of us, but it can go a long way in helping out families improve their educational attainment. According to the National Center for Educational Statistics (2000), several studies show that the presence of educational resources in the home is a strong predictor of academic achievement in mathematics and science. Akari Energy's most recent community relations efforts include awarding new computer desks to three individuals or organizations, who will in turn award them to financially disadvantaged families. "It is important for companies to give back to their community, regardless of the size of the gift," says Lourdes Aguinaco, Director of Community Relations for Akari Energy. "It is the educational advancement of surrounding community that is the most crucial component in the economic development of a society as a whole. Therefore, supplying the necessary resources that allow the community to increase their academic and professional potential is beneficial to the country's economy."

Skills For Living (S4L), one of the three nonprofit organizations receiving the desk, is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, grassroots organization established in 2004. S4L's organizational goal is to permanently advance the lives of low-income working poor families in the Houston area. S4L tries to reach that goal by educating families through mentorship and encouragement and teaches them how to identify goals and develop an approach that will help achieve them. Given the tools and resources to tackle some of life's challenges more effectively helps to improve their livelihood and that of their children. This Fall, Skills for Living will be awarding the desk donated by Akari Energy to a student that excelled in the classes provided by S4L.

Akari Energy will also be awarding a desk to Gopal Timsina, a teenage refugee from Nepal, currently attending high school in the Houston area. With the facilitation of Quynh-Anh McMahan from a "Refugee Support Committee," Gopal is able to make use of a desk that will aid in his studies. Gopal's family is originally from Bhutan, a country in the Asian continent. Exiled due to their ethnicity and religion, they were forced to settle in a refugee camp for 18 years.

At the age of 17, Gopal is the oldest of three sons, and helps his family by translating English to Nepali and Hindi, an Indian dialect. He also volunteers in ESL classes aimed at helping his other Bhutanese neighbors understand the English language. On top of all his responsibilities, Gopal works full time at a local church contributing 35 – 40 hours each week. Because his parents are both stricken with medical ailments, they are unable to work, making Gopal the breadwinner of his family and responsible for all his household bills including rent and utility. For his hard work and selflessness, Akari Energy is happy to donate a new computer desk to Gopal.

The third desk will be awarded to Esmeralda Bueno and her 4 children, who were awarded the desk at the annual “Happy, Healthy, and Ready to Learn Northside Health and Resource Fair” organized primarily by State Representative Jessica Farrar of District 148 and the Northside Health and Resource Committee. Members of the Committee include Wesley Community Center, Community Health Choice, Harris County Hospital District, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and Summit Dental Center. The annual August fair, held at Moody Park, helps families from the surrounding area prepare for the upcoming school year by providing them with free donated items and services such as backpacks, school supplies, immunizations, bags of food, and health screenings.

"This event is about supporting our children and families in two of the most important aspects of their lives - their health and education," says State Representative Jessica Farrar. "We are able to do this through the generosity of our wonderful community, and we sincerely appreciate all of the individuals and organizations that donated to the 2009 Happy, Healthy, and Ready to Learn Northside Health and Resource Fair."

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