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Genzyme Supports Communities through Program Grants

Cambridge, Framingham and Santa Fe to Benefit

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Genzyme Corporation today announced that it awarded more than \$250,000 in community grants in the first half of this year to support non-profit organizations located in areas where Genzyme has operations. The grants support programs relating to science education and health. Three communities benefiting from the grants are Cambridge, Framingham, and Santa Fe.

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Two of the non-profit organizations in Cambridge to receive funding support from Genzyme include Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, which received \$7,500 to increase its collection of digitally-recorded science and technology textbooks in its central audio library, and The Guidance Center, Inc., which received \$5,000 to help support its Universal Screening in Child Care program.

The Boston chapter of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D) will use this grant from Genzyme to add to its collection of digitally recorded scientific, computer science, engineering, and technical textbooks in the RFB&D

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audio library. RFB&D is the nation's educational library serving people who cannot effectively read standard print because of a visual, perceptual or physical disability. Annually, the audio library is used by more than 140,000 people with disabilities worldwide and nearly 7,000 students in Massachusetts.

The grant award to The Guidance Center will help fund the Universal Screening in Child Care program, which provides infants and toddlers with learning development screenings. Universal Screening in Child Care focuses on 64 licensed child care centers in Cambridge and Somerville that serve more than 660 infants and toddlers. Screening is offered to all children in participating centers, not just those who are believed to have learning difficulties. The results have shown that more than 30 percent of those screened have developmental problems ranging from early to advanced that need attention.

Framingham, Massachusetts

The Framingham Police Department received nearly \$13,000 to purchase defibrillators, CPR mannequins and other training tools. In addition, South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) Child Care and Head Start, was awarded \$5,000 for its Healthy Kids, Healthy Families program.

The grant award to the Framingham Police Department will help expand the defibrillation program currently in place. At this time, all Framingham police cruisers, fire truck, ambulance and public schools have defibrillators, which is important considering that in 2005, one out of every four medical calls could have potentially involved the use of a defibrillator. The Framingham Police department will be adding four defibrillators to outfit the motorcycle unit. The department will also purchase child and infant mannequins so it can continue to train the officers

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and staff on the proper use of defibrillators. This training will also be expanded to include instruction to local schools, the business community, and the general public.

SMOC Child Care and Head Start will use funding support from Genzyme for the Healthy Kids, Healthy Family Program, which provides services primarily to children in families with special needs. These include children living in family homeless shelters, children from families involved with the Department of Social Services because of abuse and neglect issues, children from recently immigrated families, and children with special education disabilities.

Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Santa Fe Science Initiative (SFSI) received \$10,000 for its program that works to enhance science education in the community and public schools. Since 2001, SFSI has been improving science education by providing professional development, teacher training, mentoring, materials, and support for the implementation of hands-on science in elementary school classrooms. Over 850 students and 30 teachers have benefited from the Santa Fe Science Initiative.

“We are very pleased to support such worthwhile and important organizations that are helping to improve the lives of so many people,” said Judy Ozburn, associate director of community affairs at Genzyme. “By working closely with these groups and focusing our attention on science education and health care, we are able to direct our resources in a way that has the greatest positive impact for our communities.”

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Other major groups benefiting from Genzyme's support include:

- Massachusetts Science Fairs - Genzyme continues its support to the regional and state science fairs in Massachusetts. Regional winners are awarded \$250, and this year's state winner, Dan DeCiero of Holden, received \$5,000 for his school, \$5,000 for his teacher, \$5,000 in scholarship funding, plus a \$2,500 paid internship.
- BioTeach - Since late 2003, Genzyme has committed \$250,000, distributed over five years, to the MassBioEd Foundation to help outfit every high school in Massachusetts with biotechnology and laboratory equipment and supplies, teacher certification and training, and workforce development activities.
- Boston Children's Museum – The Kits for Teachers program sends free boxes of hands-on materials including artifacts, photos, maps and a teacher's guide from the Boston Children's Museum to elementary and after-school teachers to enhance student learning in science and social studies.

In addition to the community grants, Genzyme awarded more than \$100,000 to nearly 50 organizations globally as part of its G.I.V.E. (Genzyme Invests in Volunteer Efforts) program. G.I.V.E. was created in 2000 to encourage employee-directed volunteer efforts. The grants range between \$1,000 and \$10,000, and are awarded to eligible charitable organizations with which a team of Genzyme employees volunteer.

Organizations located in towns and cities worldwide in which Genzyme has operations are encouraged to apply for financial assistance through

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Genzyme Community Relations. More information about Genzyme's community investments, including how to apply, is available on the website at www.genzyme.com/commitment/community/community_home.asp.

About Genzyme Corporation

One of the world's leading biotechnology companies, Genzyme is dedicated to making a major positive impact on the lives of people with serious diseases. This year marks the 25th anniversary of Genzyme's founding. Since 1981, the company has grown from a small start-up to a diversified enterprise with more than 8,500 employees in locations spanning the globe and 2005 revenues of \$2.7 billion. Genzyme has been selected by FORTUNE as one of the "100 Best Companies to Work for" in the United States.

With many established products and services helping patients in more than 80 countries, Genzyme is a leader in the effort to develop and apply the most advanced technologies in the life sciences. The company's products and services are focused on rare inherited disorders, kidney disease, orthopaedics, cancer, transplant and immune diseases, and diagnostic testing. Genzyme's commitment to innovation continues today with a substantial development program focused on these fields, as well as heart disease and other areas of unmet medical need.

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