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**HAYES FAMILY INVESTMENT CENTER RECEIVES
OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD FROM ADLER
PLANETARIUM**

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The Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center, the non-profit technology training affiliate of the Chicago Housing Authority, has received the Outstanding Community Partner award from the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum. The award celebrates a non-profit organization whose partnership with Adler has made a positive difference for the people of Chicago.

The partnership with the Hayes Center is an important component of Adler's Center for Space Science Education program (CSSE). Under the program, the Hayes Center and Adler have a unique agreement that includes six-month apprenticeships for young adults from low-income families with Adler's CyberSpace gallery.

"They are smart, hard-working young adults with a bright future in science and technology, and we are proud to be part of their education, said Adler's President Dr. Paul Knappenberger. The apprenticeship program allows youth aged 17-22, who have completed basic technology training at the Hayes Center and are interested in information technology careers, to apply and expand their technology skills in a professional work setting at the museum. Apprentices receive ongoing guidance through a mentoring program at Adler, as well as training and feedback in basic job and employment skills to prepare them for future career opportunities.

"We're very pleased to receive this award," said Zenobia Johnson-Black, President & CEO of the Hayes Center. "Our partnership with Adler has allowed us to provide a wonderful learning opportunity for many disadvantaged young people to help them build a more promising future."

The Adler Board of Trustees nominated the Hayes Center to receive the award this year.

About the Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center

The Hayes Center (www.thefic.org) is a community-based, not-for-profit technology learning center that provides inner-city residents with the skills necessary to compete successfully in the rapidly growing Information Technology industry. The Hayes Center annually serves more than 11,000

public housing residents, public assistance recipients and other disadvantaged adults and youths.

About Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum

The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum was founded in 1930 as the first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere, reaching over 40 million people during the past 73 years. Adler scientists and historians, who hold joint appointments at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University, are working at the forefront of research in astronomy and its fascinating history. Its dedicated and professional staff pursues the Adler's mission to present the human quest to better understand the Universe.