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IN REACH, INC., Celebrates Prince George's County, Maryland, Amazing Parents

Hyattsville, MD | On April 27, 2012, IN REACH, INC., held its first Annual *Celebrating Amazing Prince George's County Parents Awards Program*, an event honoring the outstanding work of parents with children currently enrolled in a Prince George's County Public School.

"While most of our work centers on students, I wanted to do something that recognized the least celebrated group of people – the parents. Our parents are, and could, undoubtedly, use more support and encouragement. And that is what this event was meant to do – show appreciation for all that our parents do," said executive director Ms. Toni Smith.

Congratulations again to our three final Amazing Parent Award recipients:

- **Ms. Jaminah Wortham**, recipient of the Ingrid M. Turner Amazing Parent Award for demonstrating a strong sense of community as a volunteer, coach and mentor.
- **Ms. Kristan Hayes**, recipient of the Parks and Recreation Amazing Parent Award for being an awesome and dedicated bridge builder in the lives of children.
- **Mr. Abiodun Babayemi**, recipient of the IN REACH, INC. Amazing Parent Award for being a selfless individual, active volunteer in the school and community, and an awesome husband and father.

A special thank you to Council Member Ingrid M. Turner (District 4), an active and dedicated advocate for children and families; the Prince George's Department of Parks and Recreation, our guest speaker Mr. Jaracus Copes, President and CEO of New Destiny LLC, who delivered an inspirational message on "success parenting," IN REACH Board of Directors, our sponsors, and special guests for making our Awards program a successful and memorable event, we could not have done this without your support.

IN REACH would also like to thank all the 2012 nominees: Mr. Abiodun Babayemi, Mrs. Angela Crocker Brown, Ms. Wendy Graham, Ms. Kristan Hayes, Ms. Akilah Jefferson, Mrs. Valencia Brooks-Jones, Mrs. Cynthia Proctor, Ms. Rajistrue Ramsammy, Mr. William E. Rogers Jr., Ms. D'Vorolyn M. Talley, Ms. Ruth Tzanu, Mr. Ronald A. Williams, and Ms. Jaminah Wortham.

IN REACH is looking forward to holding this signature event next year and is putting finishing touches on its *Parent Project* which focuses on engaging parents in activities that increase their knowledge about post-secondary education and the many opportunities available to their children.

Based in Cheverly, MD, IN REACH, INC., is a tax exempt 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization designed to prepare students for college, work and life. Founded in 1999, IN REACH envisions healthy, productive and prepared young adults in every family. To watch a video of the event, visit www.youtube.com/inreachinc.