

VIP Mentoring E-Update

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AT&T Reaches Out To VIP Mentoring

The VIP Mentoring program was selected as one of eleven southeastern Michigan nonprofit organizations and communities to receive a 2007 **AT&T Exclerator Grant**. The Exclerator program provides technology access to organizations working to strengthen underserved communities. AT&T helps nonprofits integrate technology into their operations and community outreach.

"We are proud to be able to reach out to our community organizations and help them help those in need," said Gail Torreano, President of AT&T Michigan. "These organizations will continue to use technology that is funded by this program to empower the community and change the lives of the people they serve on a day-to-day basis."

The \$23,000 grant will be used to enhance our technology by implementing a nine objective technology plan for VIP Mentoring. Two of the objectives within the plan include developing e-recruitment and e-mentoring programs. "These new technologies will help VIP reach out into the community to recruit additional volunteer mentors. We have many children in need and the AT&T Grant will provide us with the ability to serve the children and community more effectively" said Jerry Dash, CEO/President of VIP.



(L-R) Jerry Dash VIP Mentoring CEO/President, Gail Torreano, President of AT&T Michigan, Richetta Akins, VIP's Program/Administrative Services Director, Robert Jones AT&T Director of External Affairs Detroit, Highland Park & Hamtramck, pause for a photo after the awards.



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