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Teen Underground Café Debuts at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Funding provided by the Comcast Foundation will help cultivate teen artistic expression

(PITTSBURGH, PA – April 27, 2009) A new and innovative project will integrate and stimulate teens’ cultural, intellectual and social development. The Comcast Foundation awarded Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh a \$10,000 grant to establish the Teen Underground Café, a performance and arts space that will be managed by local teens and located at CLP-Main in Oakland.

“Pittsburgh teens have few recreational opportunities for arts, music and entertainment,” said Dr. Barbara K. Mistick, President and Director of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. “The purpose of this project is to provide an opportunity for young people to build leadership, collaboration and project management skills. By having a vested interest in the Teen Underground Café, teens will ultimately create and plan and produce a space they can call their own.”

This grant from the Comcast Foundation is in recognition of Comcast’s commitment to the communities where its customers and employees live and work.

“Comcast is proud to award this Foundation Grant to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Not only does it symbolize our investment in the communities we serve, but it demonstrates again that we believe in the people that serve our community,” said Linda Hossinger, Senior Vice President of Comcast’s Three Rivers Region. “Through this grant, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s Teen Underground Café will provide area teens with another compelling reason to visit the library and will serve to foster youth leadership and development.”

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s Teen Underground Café will produce monthly events of live music and visual art developed by local teen artists. In order to give teens an opportunity to develop critical skills through peer review, project management and leadership, the program will be facilitated by a teen committee supervised by Library staff. Each month the committee will decide upon two unique and local teen musical acts and two to five local teen visual artists in hopes of attracting 80 to 100 teens for each show. The Library expects that the creation of art by participants and attendance at the Café by teens will encourage not only creativity but also civic participation, art appreciation and social capital creation.

For more information about library programs for teens, please visit www.carnegielibrary.org.

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About Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Building Communities, Enriching Lives

Established as a public trust in 1895, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh serves the citizens of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County with a distinguished history of leadership among the country’s great public libraries. Through its 19 neighborhood locations, including Main Library and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is the region’s most visited asset. Each year the Library provides more than 8,000

free programs, classes and other learning and training opportunities that are tailored to meet the dynamic and diverse needs of people living in Western Pennsylvania.

About the Comcast Foundation

The Comcast Foundation was founded by Comcast Corporation in June 1999 to provide charitable support to qualified non-profit organizations. The Foundation primarily invests in programs intended to have a positive, sustainable impact on their communities. The Foundation's focus areas are volunteerism, literacy, and youth leadership development. Since its inception, the Comcast Foundation has donated more than \$64 million to organizations in the communities nationwide that Comcast serves. More information about the Foundation and its programs is available at www.comcast.com/neighborhood. More information about the Foundation and its programs is available at www.comcast.com/neighborhood.