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The Allstate Foundation Awards the Ryan Cameron Foundation Grant for Second Consecutive Year

ATLANTA, Ga. (August 13, 2009) – The Ryan Cameron Foundation (RCF) is pleased to announce that The Allstate Foundation has awarded RCF with a grant for \$30,000. In partnership with The Allstate Foundation, the RCF will proudly utilize these funds to continue the Youth Antiviolence Project with a focus on teen driver safety, a signature program of The Allstate Foundation.

The RCF Youth Antiviolence Project is a compilation of the voices and opinions of our youth. The impact of this program will not be measured in dollars and cents, but in the lives of youth who take a stand against violence and use their voices to become ambassadors in their communities.

“We recognize the support and dedication that The Allstate Foundation has to America's families, and we are proud to be part of their team,” said founder Ryan Cameron.

The Youth Antiviolence Project has five objectives, which are to:

- Provide youth with the ability to connect with antiviolence resources within their communities,
- Encourage youth to take action against violence in their communities,
- Engage teens in conversation with adults about the violence issues they are facing,
- Seek solutions for the violence issues teens are facing, and
- Empower students to take action and become antiviolence ambassadors in their schools and communities.

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Allstate Agent Trevor Roseberry facilitates an '08 teen driving safety session at the Ryan Cameron Foundation Youth Antiviolence Forum. The Teen Driver Safety program will again be highlighted in the Foundation's program for 2009-2010.

The Ryan Cameron Foundation's Youth Antiviolence Project with a teen driving safety focus will include driver's education; teen driving presentations by Allstate agents and local authorities; education on Joshua's law and other new Georgia laws; interaction with a driving simulator; and a parent / teen seminar. "By empowering teens to become smart driving activists in their schools and communities, we hope to reverse the staggering statistics," said Julianna Sparks, Field Foundation Chair for The Allstate Foundation's SE region. The program will conclude with the RCF Youth Antiviolence Forum, the culmination of the Youth Antiviolence Project to help mold courageous metro-Atlanta teen leaders who can clearly express their ideas and solutions for critical issues such as teen driving safety.

The Allstate Foundation Offers These Tips for Teen Drivers

- Reduce the number of passengers in your car.
- Hang out with friends at the mall, the coffeeshop, the beach, at home (basically anywhere without wheels) instead of in the car.
- Don't drive if you've been drinking or doing drugs, and don't ride with anyone who has been either.
- Drive the speed limit.
- Don't text or use the cell phone while driving.
- Put down the MP3 player while you're in the car.

About The Ryan Cameron Foundation

Although the RCF was formally founded as a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization in 2002, its charitable efforts are rooted in an annual community bowling event that continues today. As an Atlanta native, Ryan's dream has always been to help the people right here in his back yard, realize their potential. Every day the foundation works diligently to make these dreams a reality. Not to fulfill personal goals, but to encourage them. Over the past sixteen years, the Foundation has made progress toward achieving its goals by adopting youth in the Bankhead community, investing 100% of proceeds from each event in social service, community organizations, distributing over 500 Atlanta Hawks game tickets to local youth based organizations during the 2004/2005 season and supporting post-secondary education opportunities for young adults. Please visit www.ryancameron.org for more information on the Ryan Cameron Foundation.

About The Allstate Foundation

Established in 1952, The Allstate Foundation is an independent, charitable organization made possible by subsidiaries of The Allstate Corporation. The Allstate Foundation partners with non-profit organizations on community initiatives that promote "safe and vital communities," "tolerance, inclusion, and diversity" and "economic empowerment." Teen driving and empowering victims of domestic violence have been major initiatives for the Foundation since 2005. For more information visit www.ProtectTeenDrivers.com.

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