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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Communities In Schools of Atlanta Receives \$50,000 Wachovia Grant**

Atlanta, GA--At a February 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon with leadership representing several school systems in the Metro Atlanta area, the Wachovia Foundation announced \$250,000 in grant funding for education. Communities In Schools (CIS) of Atlanta was among five groups to receive a generous grant of \$50,000. CIS of Atlanta will use the funding to support its High School Graduation Coach initiative for Atlanta Public Schools. Through this program, Graduation Coaches identify students who are most at risk for dropping out and develop both academic and nonacademic services to get them on track for graduation.

“Support for these initiatives means more students will graduate and be better prepared for higher education and the workforce,” said Kendall Alley, Wachovia’s Atlanta president. “The Wachovia Foundation is pleased to provide funding that goes directly toward local, effective and measurable education programs that have proven to be successful.”

CIS of Atlanta’s Executive Director, Patricia Pflum, was delighted to accept Wachovia’s gift. “We are thrilled to have the Wachovia Foundation, a longtime CIS of Atlanta supporter, invest in our young people and our programs with such a significant contribution,” said Pflum. “Wachovia is helping us ensure that Atlanta’s students have the resources and support they need to succeed and graduate.”

The Wachovia Foundation is a private foundation that provides grants to eligible 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations to support the areas of Education, Community Development, Health and Human Services and Arts & Culture.

Since 1972, CIS of Atlanta has been connecting community resources with schools to help students successfully learn, stay in school and prepare for life. Through partnerships with Atlanta Public Schools, Project GRAD, and DeKalb County Schools, CIS of Atlanta is impacting more than 29,000 students in 65 partner schools during the 2007-08 school year.

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