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**Cool Kids Learn, Inc. Awarded \$10,000 Donation from the Broward
Community Foundation**

*Award recognizes projects with the greatest potential to achieve community
building-missions and funding priorities in Broward County*

Cool Kids Learn has received a grant of \$10,000 from the Community Foundation of Broward to implement its Decision CKL (DCKL) program. Decision CKL (DCKL) was introduced in 2008 as a pilot program in Miami, Florida. Its objective is to provide a meaningful educational intervention for at-risk youth, ages 7-14, by teaching the processes and science of making good decisions and understanding the consequences each decision carries. Much of Cool Kids Learn's efforts are focused on connecting classroom curriculum with real life contexts.

Danays Soto, Decision CKL Program Coordinator, utilizes many participatory methodologies to help keep her students engaged. "The teachers in our programs are extremely active in the classroom. This rubs off on the students, as they see their teachers being very involved in all kinds of different activities – role playing, navigating through different situations that may be life changing, or even just working on social skills. It can be a lot of fun because it's so interactive. And, the more students enjoy what they're learning and are participating in the program, the more they comprehend."

Cool Kids Learn, Inc. works to improve the academic achievement and life prospects of low income children by providing innovative learning opportunities that emphasize critical-thinking, creativity and commitment to others during the crucial out-of-school time hours. And, with the help of the Community Foundation of Broward, Andrea Kilpatrick, CKL President, says the impact is synergistic. "We are able to reach more kids and provide them with the exceptional educational programming that all children deserve. Cool Kids Learn and the Community Foundation of Broward have worked towards bettering people's lives for a long time. It's great that we now get to work together in providing more options for today's youth."

About Cool Kids Learn

Since 2002, Cool Kids Learn, Inc. (CKL) a Miami-based non-profit, has provided quality after-school and summer academic programs as well as tutoring for more than 10,000 elementary and middle school students at

school and community locations across Florida. By engaging students in hands-on elective coursework designed to reinforce academic foundations, build critical thinking skills and expose students to cultural, career and arts experiences, CKL helps children build the academic skills and the love of learning they need to succeed in school and in life. There are currently CKL programs held at schools and community locations in eight states, serving over 3,000 students.

Cool Kids Learn is a privately supported, tax exempt 501(c)(3) non-for-profit organization. To learn more about how you can help support Miami's children through donating to Cool Kids Learn, Inc. please call 1-800-959-0255.

About Community Foundation of Broward

The Community Foundation of Broward's mission is to provide leadership on community solutions, and foster philanthropy that connects people who care with causes that matter. A public foundation with \$90 million in assets, it has allocated more than \$40 million to the community since its founding in 1984. Together with our donors, we inspire philanthropy and transform lives.....***For Good. For Ever.*** For more information, please visit cfbroward.org.

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