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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF FUNDS AND IN-KIND SERVICES FROM COMCAST CABLE

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

On Saturday October 4, 2003, Comcast Cable and its many employee volunteers and co-sponsors, including NASA, the Education Fund, Read to Lead, and the 5,000 Role Models of Excellence, celebrated national Comcast Cares Day by hosting a beautification and clean up day at Carol City Elementary School. Over 400 volunteers, civic officials, and Comcast executives joined the school's administration, teachers and parents for this special day. Visitors were able to view Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Africa Sister School Partnership Program featuring a series of student-made projects.

Part of the hard work also included a book donation by the Read to Lead program for the students at the school, as well as the official swearing in of Comcast executives as 5,000 Role Models of Excellence by State Senator Frederica Wilson. Additionally, the National Aerospace and Space Administration announced the awarding of a NASA grant of \$17,500 to Carol City Elementary over a three-year span, and Comcast surprised the principal, Ms. Hessing, with a \$25,000 donation from Comcast. A letter of appreciation has been sent to the various sponsors.

The purpose of the item is to officially accept the donation of \$25,000 from Comcast, in cooperation with The Education Fund, and the donation of over \$75,000 worth of volunteer time, supplies, paint, shrubbery, and books for the school.

Recommended: That The School Board of Miami, Dade County, Fla. accept the donation of \$25,000 from Comcast, through The Education Fund, for Carol City Elementary in support of Comcast Cares Day on October 4, 2003 in Miami-Dade County, Florida.