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**Piedmont Park Conservancy Receives \$50,000 AT&T Contribution  
*Funds Environmental Education for Children***

**ATLANTA, Feb. 8, 2010** –Piedmont Park Conservancy, the nonprofit organization working in partnership with the City of Atlanta to enhance and maintain historic Piedmont Park, received a \$50,000 contribution from AT&T Georgia. The contribution supports the Conservancy's environmental education programming for children in the Park, and is a continuation of AT&T's commitment to the midtown attraction.

“AT&T is proud to support Piedmont Park Conservancy’s environmental educational program,” said Sylvia Russell, President, AT&T Georgia. “AT&T is committed to strengthening communities where we live and work, and the Conservancy provides a new level of education for our youth.”

The gift to the Conservancy’s EnviroVentures program includes all aspects of environmental learning through the summer camp program, providing school field trips, continuing Saturday morning “green” activities in the Park, and a hands-on learning experience with a children’s vegetable garden. Currently, Piedmont Park serves as an outdoor classroom for more than 492,000 metro-Atlanta students and engages local college students in efforts to protect, preserve and enhance the environment.

“Through the support of caring corporate citizens such as AT&T, we will be able to give young people a chance to learn about nature and experience it first hand,” said Yvette Bowden, President and CEO of Piedmont Park Conservancy. “We believe that this work will help create future environmental stewards in the community,” she added.

Other areas in which AT&T has supported the community through contributions to Piedmont Park include installing the first interactive kiosk in any public park, providing \$1 million in funding for the 53-acre expansion of the park, and being the presenting sponsor of The Green Concert with Paul McCartney in 2009.

**About Piedmont Park Conservancy:** *Piedmont Park Conservancy is a member and donor funded nonprofit working in partnership with the City of Atlanta to maintain and enhance historic Piedmont Park. Founded in 1989, the Conservancy has raised and invested more than \$23 million in private funds for Park improvements, and today manages over 90% of the overall maintenance and security. By 2010, the Conservancy will have invested an additional \$41.25 million in Phase I projects for the 53-acre expansion of the Park.*

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