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YOUTH SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM EXPANDS TO YEAR-ROUND

New Haven: More New Haven high school students will gain year-round employment opportunities thanks in part to a new grant from UBS Foundation USA, the foundation for UBS Financial Services, Inc. The \$30,000 grant, just awarded to Youth @ Work - the region's workplace youth development program for the last 25 years - will help provide New Haven youth from 16-19 with early work experiences as paid interns, as well as providing work readiness training, career awareness and financial literacy fundamentals for youth as young as 10.

This UBS grant supports essential career awareness and work readiness activities for students in the Business, Finance and Technology academies at James Hillhouse and Hill Regional Career High Schools. Youth @ Work will manage career development workshops, field trips, job shadowing and part-time jobs/internships, enabling students to gain enhanced career awareness and valuable workforce preparation. UBS Financial Services' office in New Haven will assist in providing paid internships, as well as providing volunteer and mentoring opportunities. The funding also supports the work of collaborating organizations working with youth to implement career exploration activities, including Youth Continuum's Education, Training and Enrichment Center (ETEC) and Leadership, Education Athletics in Partnership (LEAP), in partnership with Youth @Work.

The proposed activities will take place throughout the 2005-2006 school year and support activities that will assist youth in becoming workforce ready, while also helping employers meet the needs of an increasingly competitive marketplace.

"The expansion of this program not only helps many of our teens learn valuable skills, it also has a positive impact on public safety and our economy," said Mayor John DeStefano, Jr. "Supporting programs for today's youth equates to investing in tomorrow's future. We are confident that the partnership between UBS and Youth@Work will make a significant, sustained and measurable impact on New Haven's youth", said Douglas Hedley, Senior Vice President and Complex Manager for UBS in New Haven. For more information or to find out how your business can hire a young person, contact Stephanie Barnes at 946-7582 or sbarnes@newhavenct.net.

Youth@Work is a public-private partnership of the City of New Haven, the New Haven Board of Education, Workforce Alliance, the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce and Empower New Haven, Inc. For more information, visit www.youthatwork.biz

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