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## **Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Announces 2009 Business Champion for Children**

ROCKVILLE, MD – The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) is pleased to announce that Northrop Grumman Information Systems is the winner of the 2009 Business Champion for Children Award.

The award is given annually at the Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education's (MCBRE) "Champions for Children Gala," and recognizes a business that has demonstrated leadership in the community, a commitment to improving education and promoted active involvement in Montgomery County Public Schools. Northrop Grumman was chosen from dozens of nominations submitted by Montgomery County Public Schools, and selected by a panel of business and education representatives.

"Northrop Grumman Information Systems was selected based on their longstanding commitment to Blake High School and to our entire community," said Georgette "Gigi" Godwin, MCCC President and CEO. "They are helping the County develop a local workforce in strategically competitive disciplines. Early exposure to math, science and engineering will inspire our young people to pursue these fields in college and as professionals."

Northrop Grumman Information Systems received the award for their dedicated service and ongoing partnership with James Hubert Blake High School in Silver Spring. In addition to a number of scholarship programs, Northrop Grumman has been involved with career workshops and science fairs. Blake High School Principal, Carole Goodman, nominated Northrop Grumman for the award.

"At Northrop Grumman, we strive to be a community partner," said Linda Miller, Manager, Business Development for Northrop Grumman. "Through dynamic partnerships, Northrop Grumman's philanthropy programs help to address the challenges facing our nation and our local communities and strive to meet the diverse needs of the people of those communities."

The award will be presented at the Gala on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Bethesda, Maryland. The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Business Champion for Children Award annually.

### **About the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce:**

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce serves its 500+ business members by providing opportunities to connect with one another and by advocating for an improved Maryland business climate. The current Chairman of the Board is Dr. James Whang, former President and CEO of defense contractor AEPLOG. For more information about the Chamber, visit

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