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Chick-fil-A Foundation Donates \$100,000 to REACH Scholarship Program

Atlanta, GA – The Chick-fil-A Foundation presented Governor Nathan Deal and the REACH Georgia Foundation, Inc. a check for \$100,000 to benefit future scholars across the state. An initial investor since the inception of the program in 2012, Chick-fil-A is continuing its strong support as the REACH Georgia Program continues to expand to more school systems across Georgia.

"We appreciate the Chick-fil-A Foundation's support for REACH Georgia, as the program is a long-term investment in some of Georgia's brightest students," said Gov. Deal. "With this contribution, the Chick-fil-A Foundation will help to expand access to higher education for dedicated young scholars across the state and further strengthen REACH Georgia's offerings for the leaders of tomorrow."

"From feeding children a healthy breakfast to helping students pursue higher education, Chick-fil-A is proud to support the REACH Scholarship Program. Governor Deal has inspired these young people to dream big, and we want to support that," said Rodney Bullard, Vice President of Community Affairs for Chick-fil-A and Executive Director of the Chick-fil-A Foundation.

The Chick-fil-A Foundation's mission is "To help every child become all they can be", which aligns seamlessly with the REACH Georgia program's goal of providing an extra support system and incentive to students to reach their maximum potential so they earn a post-secondary credential and become part of Georgia's thriving talent pipeline.

"We are so thankful to our partners at the Chick-fil-A Foundation for their very generous donation that will serve REACH Scholars across the state," stated Caylee Noggle, Interim President of the Georgia Student Finance Commission. "We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Chick-fil-A Foundation as we collectively work towards providing higher education opportunities for our students so that they are prepared to be the workforce leaders of the future."

For more information on the REACH Georgia Program or Chick-fil-A Foundation please visit <u>reachga.org</u> or <u>chick-fil-afoundation.org</u>.



(L-R: GSFC Interim President Caylee Noggle, REACH Georgia Foundation Board Member Michael Patrick, Georgia Governor Nathan Deal, Vice President of Community Affairs at Chick-fil-A Rodney Bullard, Vice President of REACH Brad Bryant, and Senior Vice President of College Affordability Initiatives at GSFC Jennifer Herring)

About the REACH Georgia program

REACH Georgia is a program of the Georgia Student Finance Commission and its companion student finance entity, the Georgia Student Finance Authority. The REACH Georgia needs-based scholarship and mentorship program was designed to assist students who demonstrate true academic promise, but may not currently have the academic preparation or financial support needed to graduate high school and earn a postsecondary credential. Additional information about REACH is available at reachga.org or 800.505.GSFC (4732).

About the Chick-fil-A® Foundation

The Chick-fil-A® Foundation is the corporate foundation of Chick-fil-A, Inc. A not-for-profit organization, the Foundation's purpose is to lead the company's commitment to support youth and education in Chick-fil-A's local communities. The Foundation's work is focused on developing and educating young people so they can build a positive legacy and become all they can be. For more information, visit www.chick-fil-afoundation.org