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Family, Business and Community Service Come Together to Benefit the YWCA of Greater Atlanta

An Atlanta family-run company commits to supporting a technology-based program for young women.

ATLANTA, GA (July 26, 2006) — American CyberSystems (ACS), an IT consulting, staffing and payrolling firm, and the family who operates it, has formally adopted the YWCA of Greater Atlanta and its Teen Girls in Technology (TGI Tech) program. The organization and the Atlanta-based company will celebrate this historic partnership at a special reception Wednesday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History in Atlanta.

The program adoption, the first of its kind for a women's organization, is spearheaded by Raj Sardana, ACS president, and Pauline Warrior, director of engagements for ACS and member of the YWCA board of directors. Together they sought a way for the company and its employees to take an active role in strengthening the community by sponsoring the teen technology education and mentoring program. The partnership seems to be a perfect fit.

Pauline joined ACS in April and is the former director of Georgia's Governor's Mentor Protégé Program. She is responsible for the strategy, planning and execution of ACS' marketing and external affairs. "When Pauline mentioned she was closely involved with the YWCA and they were looking for supporters for the TGI Tech program, I knew it was exactly what we were looking to do," said Sardana. "It is important for the company to give meaningful support to the community. Helping teenagers, especially young women, develop an interest in technology is both necessary and worthwhile and we are all very excited about this collaboration."

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Sardana and his wife Nita, have both become actively engaged in contributing to the TGI Tech program — financially, as well as programmatically. The company is organizing an internal mentoring initiative and will

be working closely with program participants throughout the upcoming school. ACS will also provide job shadowing opportunities, computers, equipment and supplies, and a monetary gift to the organization. Even the couple's daughters, Sonia and Shivani, have taken an interest in the organization. In addition to tutoring program participants, the girls will be providing entertainment at the adoption celebration in August.

"This is more than just a partnership with a non-profit," said Warrior. "We call it an 'adoption' because it represents a very personal commitment we all have made to encouraging these girls to consider technology-related careers. We are really looking forward to the celebration, the program and our individual roles in influencing these young women who we believe are tomorrow's leaders."

TGI Tech seeks to increase girls' confidence and competence in technology by helping young women, ages 13 -18 years-old, overcome barriers and stereotypes in technology, math and science. The program provides girls with innovative learning opportunities to raise their interest, confidence and competence in these areas, while helping them develop critical thinking and problem solving skills. TGI Tech also links girls to successful women in technology, math and science professions for mentoring and encouragement.

The TGI Tech program will officially kick-off at the beginning of the school year and the adoption celebration will be one of the first opportunities the employees, participants, school representatives and supporters will have to get to know one another and learn more about the program. The event will feature technology demonstrations and live entertainment, as well as a unique adoption ceremony designed to express the commitment the Sardana's and the ACS employees are making to the young women. Ms. Becky Blalock, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Southern Company, will officiate the adoption ceremony.

For more information or to register to attend the event, call 678.397.0134 or e-mail Pauline.Warrior@acsicorp.com.

About the YWCA of Greater Atlanta

Founded in 1902, the YWCA of Greater Atlanta is a membership movement whose mission is to eliminate racism and empower women. We fulfill our mission with programs that empower Atlanta's women and girls through education, advocacy and unity. Strengthened by diversity, the YWCA draws together people who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power to attain a common vision: peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people. For more information on the YWCA strategic vision and community involvement, please contact us at 404.527.7575 or visit www.ywcaatlanta.org.

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About American CyberSystems

American CyberSystems is a multi-national IT consulting, staffing and payrolling solutions provider for large organizations demanding a professional contingent labor workforce. Through its extensive resource pool, recruitment center and back office HR support centers spread across nine offices, ACS is pleased to expand its service territory and launch its southeastern US office in the greater Atlanta area. As the single point of contact for payroll services and benefits administration, ACS has contributed great success to numerous Fortune 500 companies and impacted their bottom-line savings to ensure that they meet their business goals. We make the effort to evaluate our clients' needs and value partnerships through service delivery and satisfaction. Since the company was founded in 1998, American CyberSystems has employed over 900 professionals and managed corporate and government projects in order to meet human capital objectives. At ACS, we work to create lasting value through partnership. People are our business, and ACS understands that community service transcends into economic growth and success for all!

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