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### **Energizer Charitable Trust Awards \$10K Grant to ACCESS Academies**

*Grant will Further Efforts to Provide a College-Prep Education to Disadvantaged Students in St. Louis*

**ST. LOUIS, MO. September 30, 2013** –Energizer Charitable Trust, which supports not-for-profit organizations whose programs address the educational needs of children and young adults in underserved and disadvantaged communities, has awarded ACCESS Academies a one-year, \$10,000 grant.

“We thank Energizer Holdings for the support they have shown us, and will use this grant to advance our seven-year commitment to each student through the NativityMiguel Model of Education,” said Blake Youde, Executive Director of ACCESS Academies.

ACCESS Academies provides a unique college preparatory education for economically and/or socially disadvantaged students in under-represented neighborhoods in city of St. Louis through the NativityMiguel Model of Education program, which:

- Extends the school day and school year from 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade to provide additional academic support. This includes a robust academic curriculum, homework assistance, service projects, and enrichment.
- Encourages family involvement to further support the physical, social, emotional, and academic well-being of each student.
- Eases the transition to high school and into college through graduate support. This includes, but not limited to, tutoring, mentoring, academic scholarships, and monitoring each student’s individual academic growth and achievement through high school and into college.

Since its establishment in 2005, more than 567 students have benefited from ACCESS’ services.

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