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**VERIZON TECH SAVVY HONOREE, “DISKovery ANGELINA”, TO BE VISITED BY AWARDS FOUNDER, THE FORMER FIRST LADY OF IOWA**

LOS ANGELES, CA (February 14, 2008) - The former First Lady of Iowa and co-creator of the nation’s first Verizon Tech Savvy Awards, Christie Vilsack, will be visiting one of its five recipients, the Little Tokyo Service Center Community Development Corporation’s (LTSC) DISKovery Angelina computer program, to share their best strategies for promoting media literacy with parents and their children.

As founder and president of the Vilsack Foundation, Vilsack works to strengthen communities by advocating technology literacy. The Verizon Tech Savvy Award was created through her partnership with the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) and the Verizon Foundation. It recognizes programs that educate parents in guiding their children to develop an understanding of computers.

On behalf of DISKovery Angelina, Monica Peralta, the Assistant Program Director of Technology and Education, accepted the West/Northwest Regional award last year at the NCFL Conference in Florida. "It takes collaboration to ensure program success. The programs we offer increase literacy skills for our students and parents, enabling them to have big dreams, and reach their goals as a family," stated Peralta.

The program received \$5,000 and was used to strengthen outreach efforts and expanded to offer web design classes. DISKovery Angelina is funded by First 5 LA and is named after the Angelina Apartment complex it is housed in - an 82 unit low-income family housing project built and managed by LTSC.

On February 14 at the Angelina Preschool Community Room, Vilsack will be sitting in on the “Mommy and Me” class where mothers take the skills they have learned and teach their children how to use computers and the Internet to access educational tools and other resources. The teaching strategies utilized will act as a model to create similar programs across the country.

Vilsack’s visit will be on February 14 at 1:30pm at Angelina Preschool, 1336 W. Angelina St., #108, Los Angeles, CA 90026. For more information, please contact Jenni Kuida at [JKuida@LTSC.org](mailto:JKuida@LTSC.org).

LTSC Community Development Corporation is a non-profit community-based organization, which has been providing services for over 29 years to the greater Los Angeles community. Programs include but are not limited to: assistance for victims of domestic violence, support groups, child abuse and neglect outreach, emergency food and shelter assistance, affordable housing, and community redevelopment.

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