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**The Bailey Institute Supports Literacy Education Program in Hagerstown, Maryland**

**January 19, 2009** -- The Bailey Institute is supporting literacy education in Hagerstown, Maryland through a donation of \$1,500 to the **Parent-Child Center (PCC)** to support the GED education of six adult PCC clients. The funds were raised at the Institute's 36<sup>th</sup> Tree Trimming Party on December 6, 2008. This donation reflects the Bailey Institute's commitment to improve literacy levels among underserved populations in Hagerstown, MD where the Institute is headquartered.

Since 2006, Jennifer G. Bailey, the Institute's president and founder has served as project manager for technology-driven educational programs in Liberia and Sierra Leone, West Africa that built partnerships with major universities and strengthened technological capacity. In June 2008, the Institute conducted 885 assessments in language and Mathematics among teachers during a field trip to Liberia to assess literacy levels. As a result, The Bailey Institute plans to implement Internet-delivered educational programs in language and Mathematics in Liberia in 2010, to reduce illiteracy rates among college freshmen.

The Bailey Institute is seeking financial support for its **Technology-Driven Education Project (TDEP)**, for Liberia which is designed to achieve by 2015, substantial educational progress among teachers and college freshmen, through accelerated, self-paced, Internet-delivered programs.

Established in 2000, The Bailey Institute is a global NGO with 501c3 status and registered in Maryland, USA. The Institute's mission is to nurture leaders and improve lives by using technology to eradicate illiteracy. President and Founder, Jennifer G. Bailey, Ph.D., has worked in Liberia since 2006.

You may make a contribution towards reducing illiteracy by visiting the Bailey Institute's Web site at [www.baileyinstitute.org](http://www.baileyinstitute.org) and clicking on the **DONATE** button.

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***Past Beneficiaries of the Bailey Institute's Tree Trimming Party:***

- The Parent-Child Center, Hagerstown. MD(2008);
- John R. Marsh Cancer Center, Hagerstown (2007);
- Gbogbeh Village, Liberia (2006);
- St. Clair School, Dessalines, Haiti (2005);
- Cultural Academy for Excellence, *CAFÉ* (2004);
- Coterie of Social Workers, San Fernando Branch, Trinidad (2003);
- The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio (2002);
- St. David's Elementary School, Tobago (2001);
- St. Joseph's High School (St. Joseph & San Fernando), Trinidad (2000);
- National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio (1999);
- Mayville State University, Mayville, North Dakota, (1994);
- Cincinnati Opera Company (1993).

**Attached Photos:**

[1] Dr. Jennifer Bailey (left), and Mr. Vincent Dellaposta, a Trustee of the **Parent – Child Center**, at the Bailey Institute's 36<sup>th</sup> Tree Trimming Party held on December 6, 2008. Mr. Dellaposta served as the event chairperson and helped raised \$3,000 for the institute and its 2008 beneficiary, the Parent-Child Center.

[2] Dr. Jennifer Bailey shows the mock check presented to Hagerstown's **Parent – Child Center** on January 10, 2009, along with an actual check for \$1,500