



Graduating Students, One Community at a Time

Program Description:

Communities In Schools is the nation's largest dropout prevention organization. The mission of Communities In Schools is to champion the connection of needed community resources with schools to help young people successfully learn, stay in school and prepare for life. By bringing caring adults into the schools to address children's unmet needs, CIS provides the link between educators and the community. The result: teachers are free to teach and students – many in jeopardy of dropping out – have the opportunity to focus on learning.

Communities In Schools of Marietta/Cobb County serves a large and diverse student population that includes Marietta City Schools with over 8,000 students and the Cobb County School District with over 100,000 students.

The AT&T Aspire contribution will provide for a site coordinator in the 9th grade at both Marietta and Osborne High Schools. The site coordinators will work with 9th graders and their families to help remove the non-academic barriers to the student's success in school.



Students:
195



Funding:
\$200,000

CISMCC Successes 2009-2010

- **115** High School Graduates (PLCs)
- **346** Students served (Tutoring & PLC)
- **8,838** Children received free books
- **318** Community Volunteers
- **2,426** Volunteer Hours

"This opportunity that is being afforded Communities In Schools of Marietta/Cobb County through the AT&T Aspire Grant is very important to help students make a successful transition to high school with goals for a bright future. We look forward to working with both school systems and AT&T to offer this opportunity to those students who may face a struggle with their transition from middle to high school. CIS of Marietta/Cobb County truly appreciates AT&T's vision to help alleviate those hurdles by supporting the CIS Dropout Prevention Model."

Carol Fey, Executive Director of CISMCC