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### **Abbott Personnel Services Donates \$2,200 To Jumpstart**

**Boston (March 6, 2006)** – Abbott Personnel Services Inc. announced today a \$2,200 donation to Jumpstart, the national early education nonprofit organization headquartered in Boston. The contribution is the result of a charitable giving program created by Abbott Personnel, the staffing partner of the Boston office of Pearson Education. Abbott Personnel developed the program to celebrate the placement firm’s 20th year in business. To commemorate this anniversary, Abbott Personnel has donated a portion of each of their clients’ annual fee to a charity of their choice.

“We are delighted that Jumpstart will receive this generous donation from Abbott Personnel. The funds will go to support efforts that help children from under-served communities with their early learning, language and literacy skills; skills that are so critical to their future academic success,” said Kate Miller of Pearson.

Pearson has a longstanding relationship with the Jumpstart, an organization that directly combats the rising trend of school unpreparedness in America. By pairing preschoolers from low-income families with college students in year-long, one-to-one mentoring relationships, Jumpstart fosters critical early development in school readiness skills.

Abbott Personnel is one of Boston's highest quality placement firms in administrative staffing. To formally thank the valued clients that have helped to shape the company over the last 20 years, Abbott is making donations to each client’s charity of choice. “We are a small company but we think big,” said Founder and President Joanne Grady. “We believe that the money that could have been spent celebrating our 20 years in business could do so much more and go so much further if we gave back. We are thrilled to commemorate our 20-year milestone in this fashion. It is exciting to know that selected charities will benefit from our appreciation of our clients’ business.”

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### **About Pearson Education**

Educating 100 million people worldwide, Pearson Education is the global leader in educational publishing. With brands such as Pearson Prentice Hall, Pearson Longman, Pearson Addison Wesley, and many others, Pearson Education provides quality content, assessment tools and educational services in all available media, spanning the learning curve from birth through college and beyond. Pearson Education is part of Pearson (NYSE: PSO), the international media company. Pearson's primary operations also include the Financial Times Group and the Penguin Group.

### **About Jumpstart**

Jumpstart is a national early education organization working toward the day every child in America enters school prepared to succeed. Through extraordinary attention in yearlong one-to-one relationships, Jumpstart inspires children to learn, adults to teach, families to get involved, and communities to progress together. Jumpstart is engaging 2,500 college students in service to nearly 10,000 children in more than 200 preschools during the 2005-2006 school year. Jumpstart's national sponsors include American Eagle Outfitters, AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, Pearson, and Starbucks. Jumpstart is a three-time recipient of the *Fast Company*/Monitor Group Social Capitalist Award (2004-2006) and has been called one of *Worth* magazine's Top 100 Charities. For more information, visit the Jumpstart website at [www.jstart.org](http://www.jstart.org).

### **About Abbott Personnel**

Abbott Personnel Consulting Services, Inc. is a SOWMBA-certified staffing service located in Boston's Faneuil Hall specializing in the placement of administrative talent ~ both temporary, permanent and temp to hire. To formally thank the valued clients that have helped to shape the company over the last 20 years, President and Founder Joanne Grady wanted to positively impact as many lives as possible through donations to non profit organizations.

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