



Charting Pathways to Success: Rent-A-Center Donates to Phoenix-Area Nonprofit

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PHOENIX--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 1, 2015-- New Pathways for Youth, a nonprofit youth mentoring organization today received \$5,000 worth of funding from Rent-A-Center. The support is tied to a philanthropic initiative dubbed "Random Acts of Caring." Launched in 2008, the Rent-A-Center initiative provides unexpected donations of merchandise, funding or gift cards to deserving nonprofits across the country.

"This award is wonderful news for New Pathways for Youth," said Christy McCLEndon, president and CEO of New Pathways for Youth. "The impact of our mentoring programs is significant for youth who are committed to changing their lives. Inspiring committed, adult volunteers to transform a life through mentoring is how we achieve our mission. We are grateful for this grant to help youth achieve their full potential!"

"Tomorrow's leaders are being shaped today through the services provided at New Pathways for Youth," said Kenneth Jones, Rent-A-Center's public affairs manager. "Today marks the 100th Random Act of Caring undertaken since Rent-A-Center launched this initiative to support the communities it serves. Our hope is this funding will help to further New Pathways for Youth's good works."

About New Pathways for Youth

New Pathways for Youth mission is to empower youth to fulfill their potential through mentoring and life skill development. Our organization is a model for and thought-leader surrounding transformative mentoring relationships. New Pathways for Youth connects youth ages 9 to 21 with caring and dedicated adult mentors to help these youth reach their greatest possible potential. We ground our mentoring practices in evidence-based curriculum that focuses on social and emotional learning. The curriculum involves intentional programs through which youth, with the support of their mentors, acquire and effectively apply knowledge, attitudes and skills. New Pathways for Youth has transformed the lives of nearly 5,500 youth through the development of core social, emotional and academic skills with the help of committed volunteers and community support.

About Rent-A-Center

A rent-to-own industry leader, Rent-A-Center (NASDAQ:RCII), is headquartered in Plano, Texas, and operates more than 3,000 stores in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada and Mexico. The Company employs over 20,000 coworkers. Learn more at www.rentacenter.com.

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