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STLCC-Florissant Valley Seeks Host Families for International Students

St. Louis, Mo., July 8, 2009- St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley is offering area residents the opportunity to host an international student with the SEED program. STLCC-Florissant Valley needs 18 families to open their homes and hearts to an international student arriving in August 2009.

SEED is an international scholarship program administered by Georgetown University's Center for Intercultural Education and Development (CIED) in Washington, D.C., and sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The SEED program is designed to support economic and social development in Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean, through which over 5,000 youth have been trained in the United States and are now working to affect change in their home communities.

Upon arrival, the students will live with host families within reasonable commuting distance to the College. Students will take part in all aspects of college life, from attending classes to participating in sports and club activities. SEED students will also act as "Friendship Ambassadors" in the community through volunteer service.

Host families will provide the student with adequate room and board, with the help of a monthly stipend, and help the student to stay focused on his or her studies and program goals while in the U.S. Host families will also assist the student in the process of learning about and adapting to U.S. culture and the local community and facilitate the process of learning English.

All kinds of families are selected to host SEED students. Married couples with or without children, single parents, and singles without children as well as families with teenagers are encouraged to participate as hosts.

For more information on how your family can host a SEED international student, please contact James Carrawell at 314-513-4124.

Established in 1962, St. Louis Community College is the largest community college district in Missouri and one of the largest in the United States. STLCC has four campuses – Florissant Valley, Forest Park, Meramec and Wildwood – that annually serve more than 110,000 students through credit, noncredit and continuing education courses. For more information about STLCC, visit www.stlcc.edu.

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