



Winn-Dixie Foundation Supports Dropout Prevention With \$15,000 Contribution to Communities In Schools of Florida



Board Chair Frank Messersmith and State Director Lois Gracey are pleased to announce the award of a \$15,000 contribution to Communities In Schools of Florida from the Winn-Dixie Foundation to support our work to increase Florida's graduation rate.



Board member Terry Lynn Grooms of the Winn-Dixie Foundation said *"Being a good corporate citizen and a good neighbor in the communities in which we serve has been a part of the Winn-Dixie philosophy and commitment since the beginning in 1925. Winn-Dixie strives to make a difference in education and with today's youth and we find that Communities In Schools (CISFL), as Florida's most successful dropout prevention network, is a perfect fit with our giving priorities. CIS has a proven track record with successfully helping students, learn, stay in school and prepare for life. I am delighted to serve on the Board of Directors of CIS of Florida and look forward to continuing to work with them to achieve the Vision of a Dropout Free Florida."*

"We are very fortunate to have Terry Lynn Grooms serving on our Board of Directors and working with us to achieve our mission. Having the support of our corporate partners makes it possible for us to do this important work with Florida's most vulnerable student population. We simply could not do it without their investment. I join with Lois and the entire board in thanking Terry and the Winn-Dixie Foundation for this wonderful contribution," said Chair Frank Messersmith.

The not-for-profit Winn-Dixie Foundation was created in 1944 and makes grants to local nonprofit organizations focused on hunger, women and children, education, and health. It is funded by the Winn-Dixie Charity Classic presented by Wachovia.