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WESTSIDE MALE MENTORING PROGRAM TO BENEFIT FROM \$5K GRANT

Who: Attorney Jeffrey M. Leving Kids Come First Grant presented to Passages Alternative Living Programs, Inc.

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Date: Friday, Feb.28, 2014

Where: 2nd Floor, Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL 60604

Media: Is welcome at this event.

What: Boys from the Austin and West Garfield Park communities will benefit from a \$5000 grant. The "Attorney Jeffery M. Leving Kids Come First" grant will be awarded Friday, Feb. 28, at the CBA. The money will go directly to a program of Passages Alternative Living Programs, Inc. that matches male mentors with boys, many of whom lack a consistent adult male present in their lives. The named grant is being offered through the Sun-Times Judge Marovitz Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth Program, which supports mentoring and tutoring programs in disadvantaged communities.

The mentoring program will operate out of the original Providence Baptist Church in Austin. The program's goal is to pair 40 boys with positive role models in an effort to enrich their lives and help them achieve their full-potential. Passages has been successful in attracting male mentors within the community by providing small stipends, and its goal with this program is also to provide small stipends for the youth.

Nationwide an estimated 16 million youth between the ages of 8 and 18 have never had a mentor, either formal or informal, and of those youth, 9 million are at risk as defined by factors including school truancy, behavior problems, academic problems, and delinquency.

In making the grant, Leving said, "Boys involved in positive relationships feel better about themselves, do better in school, and improve their self-confidence. I am proud to support this critical program that provides young men in need the chance at a better future."

The Passages program has been a grantee of Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth since 2008. The Leving Kids Come First grant will be on top of the general grant that Passages received this year.