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Defran Systems Awards a College-Bound Student with a Notebook Computer

Boston, MA: June 12, 2009 – Defran Systems was busy spreading joy at the Home for Little Wanderers Voices & Visions Gala held at Boston's Seaport World Trade Center on May 27. Carl Turso of Defran presented a new HP laptop computer to Brett Adam, the guest of honor at the event and winner of Defran Systems' *2008 Help a College Bound Student Succeed* contest.

The contest, launched by Defran in late 2008, was founded to provide a disadvantaged teen with one of the basic technological tools necessary for college success. Leaders of children's services agencies were asked to submit nominations for college-bound teens in foster care or group homes that had demonstrated academic dedication and inspired others with their ability to overcome obstacles.

Joan Wallace-Benjamin, CEO of the Home for Little Wanderers (HFLW), submitted the winning entry, telling a touching story that described Brett's journey from a shy eight year old boy to a highly accomplished young man during his years as a resident in various HFLW programs.

The inspiration for the contest came during a conversation between Fran Loshin, CEO of Defran Systems, and a client who ran a group home and school. The client described how difficult it is for many kids in foster care and group homes to succeed despite their hard work due to numerous disadvantages, not the least of which is limited access to technology.

"As a software development company, we work with computers every day, yet we often take our easy access to them for granted. Many of the children our customers work with do not have the luxury of owning their own computers. They don't have the same opportunities as a lot of other kids. We wanted to do something to help," remarked Fran.

Joan Wallace-Benjamin added, "We thank Defran so much for this recognition for Brett. We are all so excited, and know that the laptop is exactly what he needs for college." Nearly 40 people submitted entries.

According to Carl, "The panel had an extremely difficult time selecting the winning entry. There were so many great stories of courageous young people overcoming the obstacles in their lives. But there was something about Brett's story, his dedication to his education and his commitment to improving his future that deeply moved us."

The response to the contest was so overwhelmingly positive that Defran plans to continue this contest each year.

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The Home for Little Wanderers is a nationally renowned, private, non-profit child and family service agency. It has been part of the Massachusetts landscape for over 200 years, making it the oldest agency of its kind in the nation and one of the largest in New England. Originally founded as a orphanage in 1799, The Home today plays a leadership role in delivering services to thousands of children and families each year through a system of residential, community-based and prevention programs, direct care services, and advocacy. For more information, visit www.thehome.org.