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ATLANTA, GEORGIA, UNITED STATES, May 10, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ACS Group, through their ACS Foundation, sponsored a YWCA Teen Girls in Technology (TGI Tech) reception on April 12, 2017. The event was held at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History and Shannon Pierce, Vice President of External Affairs for Southern Company Gas, was the special guest speaker.

Getting girls involved in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Design, and Math) is critical for the success of companies throughout the United States and the pursuit of global leadership. Creating programs that engage girls both in the classroom and in the field, providing mentoring opportunities, and retaining women in the STEAM workforce – are all foundational components and a priority to stay ahead of the curve. STEAM careers can put girls on the road to economic empowerment, a goal of the YWCA.

Those who attended the TGI Tech reception learned about the exciting STEAM initiative designed to inspire girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, arts/design, and math. This initiative is offered through the YWCA of Greater Atlanta in partnership with the ACS Foundation. ACS Group CEO, Raj Sardana, announced that ACS has created a "10 for 10 Program" which will provide 10% of the profit on any net new business in the Atlanta Metro market back to the YWCA TGI Tech program. This initiative was created in celebration of the 10 years the ACS Foundation has helped raise awareness and provided scholarships and technology for TGI Tech.

"We are so excited to watch the "10 for 10 Program" grow and develop," said Nita Sardana, Vice President of Community Outreach and Corporate Giving at ACS Group. "This program will have a monumental effect on the success of these teen girls who are on their way to higher education in the STEAM-related fields. "10 for 10" will present them with opportunities that they may not have had otherwise, and we are so honored to be able to support them throughout their journeys."

"We are grateful to ACS Group for their support over the last 10 years and into the future. The true success of this program is measured by the number of girls who stay in the program and go on to college and major in STEAM-related subjects. We witnessed our first group of college graduates in 2016, and are closely watching those who are in school now. Hearing Britney Maddox, a sophomore at Clayton State, say she is not intimidated by being the only girl in a math class because of her experience in TGI Tech, assures me that the program is doing its job. At the end of the day, making a difference in the lives of these girls, changing their trajectory, and setting them on a course for success makes it all worthwhile. We look forward to bringing in the next group of 6th graders in the upcoming school year, and thank ACS and our other partners for helping us to continue to change lives for the better," said Sharmen Gowens, CEO of the YWCA of Greater Atlanta.

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About the YWCA of Greater Atlanta

YWCA of Greater Atlanta is a local chapter of YWCA USA and has been a voice for change for women and families in Georgia since its founding at Spelman College in 1902. Our organization's foundation is built upon a history of mobilizing diverse groups of women leaders to identify community problems and advocate for solutions. To effect long-term change, YWCA of Greater Atlanta addresses the needs of women and girls at multiple levels, providing direct services and programs in tandem with awareness-raising and public policy analysis. By focusing on advocacy and social justice, health and safety, and education and economic empowerment, we work to improve the lives of women and girls at their families, and to create safer, healthier, more equitable communities in Georgia. Visit www.ywcaatlanta.org for more information.

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