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**Out & Up, Inc. has been awarded a \$7,000 Compassion Capital Fund Grant administered by the Morehouse School of Medicine.**

Macon, GA, April 21, 2006 -The Compassion Capital Fund Grant, which is federally funded, will provide critically needed assistance to the corporation in shoring up infrastructure issues relative to Board development, public relations, administrative management and community involvement. Says Patricia Walker, President of Out & Up, Inc., "This grant provides an excellent opportunity for our corporation to make strides in establishing a firm foundation, which will allow us to secure additional funding in support of our mission. We are very thankful to Morehouse School of Medicine for providing an excellent opportunity for start-up organizations dedicated to community work."

The grant will support a part time position, jointly funded by Out & Up, Inc and Mercer Center for Community Engagement. This position will be responsible for support to the Board in providing adult and family enrichment activities at the Center which is the home of the after school program and summer enrichment programs. The Board is developing plans to offer specific adult and family services at the Center after evaluating the results of several focus group activities to be conducted in May & June of this year.

ABOUT OUT & UP, INC. – Out & Up, Inc., a 501©3 non-profit corporation, is the ministry arm of Greater Little Rock Baptist Church. Founded in 2002 by Rev. H. Larry Eason, its mission is to provide services to the community that will enhance its physical, educational, emotional and spiritual development.

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