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**Marketplace of Ideas/Marketplace for Kids, Inc.
Receives \$10,000 Grant from Staples Foundation for Learning**

Funds Will Support Youth Entrepreneurship Education

Bismarck, ND (December 7, 2009) – [Marketplace of Ideas/Marketplace for Kids, Inc.](#), a non-profit organization that helps youth develop their career interests through entrepreneurship education, today announced it has received a \$10,000 grant from [Staples Foundation for Learning \(SFFL\)](#), a private foundation created by [Staples, Inc.](#) Funding from SFFL will support Marketplace for Kids' Educating Emerging Entrepreneurs program, which enables underserved students throughout North Dakota to participate in educational activities that teach them entrepreneurialism, financial literacy and leadership skills. Marketplace of Ideas/Marketplace for Kids, Inc. is the first grant SFFL has awarded in North Dakota.

Educating Emerging Entrepreneurs encourages elementary and middle school students to create their own business or invention. This exercise inspires youth to think creatively about their professional future, enhances their personal development and gives them insight into career paths they may want to pursue in the future.

“We are grateful for Staples Foundation for Learning’s support of our entrepreneurship program, which enables youth to explore different career options,” said Executive Director Marilyn Kipp at Marketplace of Ideas/Marketplace for Kids, Inc. “With this support, we will continue to prepare students for successful academic and professional lives.”

“Marketplace of Ideas/Marketplace for Kids, Inc. encourages students to develop their professional and leadership skills early in life,” said Briana Curran, manager, Staples Foundation for Learning. “Staples Foundation for Learning supports the Educating Emerging Entrepreneurs program and its efforts to help underserved youth become innovative thinkers, confident leaders and successful professionals.”

About Marketplace of Ideas/Marketplace for Kids, Inc.

Marketplace of Ideas/Marketplace for Kids, Inc. works to cultivate and grow entrepreneurs by providing education, mentorship, solutions, and networking. Marketplace believes that entrepreneurship education is a life-long learning process. A third grader, budding CEO, or a retiree looking to supplement his/her income, all should have access to entrepreneurship training. For more information and access to resources, visit their websites at www.MarketplaceForKids.org and www.MarketplaceOfIdeas.org.

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About Staples Foundation for Learning

The mission of [Staples Foundation for Learning, Inc.](#) is to teach, train and inspire. Founded in 2002, the foundation has contributed more than \$17 million to national and local charities that provide educational opportunities and job skills for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Staples Foundation for Learning has also developed lasting relationships with [Boys & Girls Clubs of America](#), [Earth Force](#), [Hispanic Heritage Foundation](#) and the [Initiative for a Competitive Inner City](#). In addition, Staples Foundation for Learning supports [Ashoka](#), an organization that develops and supports social entrepreneurs around the world, in nine countries: Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and the United States. For more information about the foundation or how to apply for a grant, please visit www.staplesfoundation.org.

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