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**PRESS RELEASE  
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**New York City non-profit Per Scholas will connect over 8,000 students to computers with PC Tools anti virus software through its Comp2Kids and Elevate Miami programs.**

**NEW YORK, NY (September 29, 2008) - Per Scholas**, a non-profit organization with a 13-year history of empowering low-income families through providing affordable technology, received a generous donation of anti virus software from **PC Tools** on September 29. This donation comes just in time to send students in New York and Miami back to school with a Per Scholas computer loaded with PC Tools virus protection software.

As a program of Per Scholas, **Comp2Kids** works to provide students in low-income NYC communities with technology training and home computers at no charge to the student. Since its inception in 2002, Comp2Kids has trained and equipped over 3,500 students and teachers with personal home computers and technology training in 10 NYC middle schools throughout The Bronx, Manhattan and Brooklyn. Per Scholas has also operated in Miami since 2004 and has connected over 1,800 low-income individuals in Miami with computers, including 850 through a partnership with the Miami-Dade county program Elevate Miami.

PC Tools has found that NYC and Miami are among the top cities suffering from computer viruses, a common challenge that new computer users face.

*"The number one reported problem Per Scholas faces with our computer solutions is viruses," explains Vice President of Programs, Ken Walker, "The donation from PC Tools will assist us in our endeavor to provide computer solutions and we are excited to take on the national problem of computer viruses and malware."*

While the benefit of a home computer to a student's education and computer literacy is tremendous, new computer users are often preyed upon through the internet. Per Scholas has always prioritized internet safety and virus prevention in its technology curriculum but has had limited access to an affordable anti-virus solution. The donation of anti virus software will allow Per Scholas to provide a more robust internet safety solution to the people it serves.

Per Scholas was founded in 1995 to help bridge the digital divide for low-income individuals. The organization, based out of the Bronx, brings computers to children and families at the lowest possible cost, trains community residents to be computer technicians and provides home computers and training for teachers and students as well as senior citizens. Per Scholas is also a recycling facility with years of experience recycling and reconditioning end-of-life electronic waste. Comp2Kids has been a Program of Per Scholas since 2005.

For more information on Comp2Kids or other Per Scholas services, please contact Jessica Leavitt at 718-772-0662.

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