



## SPECTRUM ANNOUNCES \$25,000 SPECTRUM DIGITAL EDUCATION GRANT FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

**BROWNSVILLE, Texas – Nov. 9, 2020** – Spectrum today announced the Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville (HACB) has received a \$25,000 Spectrum Digital Education Grant for its Buena Vida Choice EnVision BiblioTech program, as part of the company's multiyear, \$6 million cash and in-kind national commitment to digital education in Spectrum communities across the country. The company doubled its original 2020 commitment to digital education, awarding a total of \$1 million to 47 organizations providing broadband education, technology and training.

"We thank the Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville for being instrumental in helping us provide support for digital education in the Brownsville community," said Rahman Khan, Vice President of Community Impact for Charter Communications, Inc., which operates the Spectrum brand of TV, Internet, Voice and Mobile products. "Through the HACB, we can continue to provide those in need with the resources to navigate the challenges of the digital age."

The Buena Vida Choice EnVision BiblioTech program will establish an all-digital public library for the Brownsville community. The BiblioTech will be utilized as a hub to virtually connect low-income families with various programs and services offered through licensing from the Brownsville Public Library, as well as provide various technology devices.

"On behalf of HACB Chairman Luis Eduardo Garduño and the Board of Commissioners, I want to thank Spectrum for this grant award that will assist us in bridging the digital divide," said HACB Chief Executive Officer Carla Mancha. "The Buena Vida Choice EnVision BiblioTech will be a vehicle for families to reach self sufficiency."

With this year's grants, Spectrum has surpassed its multiyear commitment to award \$6 million in cash and in-kind donations to support broadband education across the company's 41-state service area. This year's recipients are from 15 states and Washington, D.C., and were chosen from 259 eligible applications. Recipients include nonprofits working to empower disadvantaged residents in towns and cities, boost small businesses in rural areas, provide computer assistance to senior citizens, and organizations that meet educational needs for children — including those experiencing homelessness and remote learning challenges. Since its inception in 2017 through July 2020, Spectrum Digital Education has benefitted more than 41,000 individuals in 17 states and Washington, D.C.

Spectrum Digital Education is one of several philanthropic programs developed by Charter to support the communities in which Charter provides service and where its employees both live and work. Additionally, Spectrum Housing Assist, launched in 2015 to make homes safer and healthier, has resulted in improvements to 50,000 homes to date. Charter's Spectrum Employee Community Grants

program, launched in 2019 to support employees' volunteer activities at local social and human services organizations, has already impacted more than 175 critical services organizations across 25 states.

This year, Charter announced the launch of the Spectrum Community Investment Loan Fund, which will invest \$10 million in capital by the end of 2021, making loans up to \$1 million to community development financial institutions (CDFIs) in the company's footprint. In June, Charter announced additional investment partnerships with the National Urban League and National Action Network to support Black and other minority-owned small businesses. The addition of those partnerships increased Charter's Loan Fund commitment to \$13 million.

Finally, this spring, Charter introduced Spectrum Scholars, a two-year educational program for eligible rising juniors in financial need, that will award a total of \$400,000 in scholarship aid, provide company mentors for students, as well as connecting them with potential internship opportunities at Charter.

## **About Spectrum**

Spectrum is a suite of advanced communications services offered by Charter Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ:CHTR), a leading broadband connectivity company and cable operator serving more than 30 million customers in 41 states. Over an advanced communications network, the company offers a full range of state-of-the-art residential and business services including Spectrum Internet\*, TV, Mobile and Voice.

For small and medium-sized companies, Spectrum Business® delivers the same suite of broadband products and services coupled with special features and applications to enhance productivity, while for larger businesses and government entities, Spectrum Enterprise provides highly customized, fiber-based solutions. Spectrum Reach® delivers tailored advertising and production for the modern media landscape. The company also distributes award-winning news coverage, sports and high-quality original programming to its customers through Spectrum Networks and Spectrum Originals. More information about Charter can be found at corporate.charter.com.

## **About HACB**

The Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville is a High Performing Housing Authority for both the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing program. HACB serves over 3,800 low-income families in our community. HACB is the twelfth largest housing authority in the State of Texas and the largest south of San Antonio, Texas. HACB has authority to administer 2,599 Housing Choice Vouchers, operates, and manages five Public Housing developments, six RAD properties and is the General Partner to ten tax credit developments all located within the City of Brownville. It is the mission of the HACB to provide access to affordable, quality housing, and achieve self-sufficiency through education and collaborative partnerships, for all residents of our community.

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