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Communities In Schools, Junior Achievement and YMCA share a pledge of more than \$1 million dollars in software from Microsoft

Microsoft celebrating first retail store in Delaware, will also honor and acknowledge the work that local agencies do in Delaware to impact and support youth

Newark, DE – Associates and executives from Microsoft joined students from Communities In Schools, Junior Achievement and YMCA to celebrate the grand opening of a Microsoft retail store at the Christiana Mall on Saturday, September 29 at 11:00am. This announcement and collaboration provides Junior Achievement with a \$1 million dollar software grant and \$250,000 software grants to both Communities In Schools and YMCA.

Communities In Schools is proud to have students from area schools like East Side Charter School, Newark High School, Dickinson High School, McKean High School and William Penn High School present to help celebrate this momentous occasion and welcome Microsoft to our community. Communities In Schools surrounds our students with a community of support bringing caring adults in the form of site coordinators, mentors and community members to address many unmet needs of our students. Jim Purcell, President of Communities In Schools, commented that “we CISDE and (Delaware) treasure the work of Microsoft in supporting youth and appreciate them helping us to support our capacity to empower and help more youth across the state.”

About Communities In Schools of Delaware

Communities In Schools (CIS) is the nation’s leading dropout prevention organization, and is the only one proven to increase graduation rates and decrease dropout rates. CIS surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Through a school-based coordinator, CIS connects students and their families to critical community resources, tailored to local needs. Working in more than 3,400 schools in the most challenged communities, in 25 states and the District of Columbia, CIS focuses its activities in the most disadvantaged districts, serving nearly 1.3 million young people and their families every year. In Delaware we’re located in 12 schools serving over 10,000 students in rural and urban areas of Delaware. www.cisdelaware.org. [Facebook](#)

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