

**STRIVE TO RECEIVE \$100,000 GRANT
FROM ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION**

*Grant To Support STRIVE's Continued Efforts To Build
A National Network Of Job Training and Social Services Programs*

NEW YORK CITY – The Annie E. Casey Foundation is renewing its commitment to STRIVE – the East Harlem based non-profit employment, training and job placement organization. The Baltimore, Maryland based non-profit foundation has pledged to give STRIVE a \$100,000 grant. The Annie E. Casey has funded STRIVE since 1999.

The Annie E. Casey grant was given to STRIVE to help continue to improve and expand the organization's employment training and social services programs to more areas of the country. The grant has also been earmarked to help STRIVE enhance its website to link all its affiliated offices with an inexpensive avenue of communication. It will also allow the organization to complete its graduate services and retention manual, and to continue to provide updated and state-of-the-art training for staff and board members.

“We are thrilled by the Annie E. Casey Foundation's continued commitment to STRIVE and our sustained efforts to establish a national and international network of job training and social services programs to benefit more individuals looking for a second chance,” said Robert Carmona, president and CEO of STRIVE. “With more generous grants like these STRIVE will be able to ensure our national and international presence to

help future generations of people who want to help themselves and earn a second opportunity in life.”

STRIVE is an East Harlem based non-profit job training and placement agency that has specialized in assisting the hard-to-employ. The organization has branches in 20 cities across the United States and a branch in London, England.

The core feature of STRIVE’s curriculum is a one-month job readiness program that emphasizes a positive attitude, accountability, responsibility, and personal growth. STRIVE is committed to transforming anyone who has had difficulty maintaining or obtaining employment into a work-ready individual. Additional information about the organization can be obtained at www.strivenational.org or by calling (212) 360-1100.