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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: The Finch Group Donates \$66,000 to Stepstone Academy

(October 2013) Cleveland, OH – On Friday, October 18, 2013, Gabe Grossman, Vice President of The Finch Group, and Mary Ellen Gardner, Regional Manager of The Finch Group, presented a check for \$66,000 to Stepstone Academy. The donation will provide funding for the children who live in Arbor Park Village, a community in the Central Neighborhood of Cleveland. We sincerely thank Mr. Wes Finch and The Finch Group for this generous donation and for their ongoing support of our children and school.

From its inception in 1981, The Finch Group has established an impressive track record by applying its extensive experience in evaluating, developing, rehabilitating, marketing, and managing affordable multi-family residential; mixed-use, high-end residential; hospitality and office properties. Its entrepreneurial attitude is set on implementing well thought out business plans, on a property specific basis, that realistically reflect the strengths and weaknesses of each individual situation. Arbor Park Village, developed by The Finch Group and completed in 2005, consists of 629 new construction, affordable, residential rental, family housing units built in a “streets and townhouses” layout, including a day-care center, computer learning center, supportive/social services space, resident council space, management and maintenance space, and a 54 unit apartment building, all located about 1-2 miles from Cleveland City Hall and Public Square in Cleveland, Ohio’s Central neighborhood.

Stepstone Academy is a high performing charter school located in the Central Neighborhood of Cleveland. We are one of the first charter schools in the United States to integrate an aspirational, no-excuses culture with a wide array of learning tools for children and families. Our rigorous curriculum focuses on inspiration, citizenship, character development and competence in reading and math. Our school is free to attend, and we offer free breakfast and lunch daily. Currently, we serve children in kindergarten, first and second grade, and we will add a grade a year until we reach K-8.

To learn more about Stepstone Academy, please contact Susan Hyland, Assistant Vice President of Early Childhood and Family Support, at 440.260.8891 or susan.hyland@OhioGuidestone.org.