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### **America's Leading Charity Evaluator Ranks Communities In Schools of Houston Top Ten Charity in Nation**

Houston, TX – Communities In Schools of Houston, an affiliate of the nation's leading organization dedicated to empowering students to stay in school and achieve in life, was among the Top Ten Charities in the nation as evaluated by Charity Navigator in their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition.

Ten years ago when Charity Navigator was first launched, CIS of Houston was among the first 1,100 charities evaluated. Then, it was one of the most highly ranked. Over the years, CIS of Houston has achieved a 4-star rating six times, including the last two consecutive years. Currently, the organization has an all around excellent rating of 4-stars in Financial Health, 4-stars in Accountability & Transparency and 4-stars Overall.

In a joint effort with teachers, principals, and superintendents in the Aldine, Alief, Houston, and Spring Branch school districts, CIS of Houston is achieving impressive results in some of the most economically disadvantaged areas of our city. Combined with the ability to leverage the services of over 200 local partnering agencies, the Communities In Schools model has proven to be a powerful tool in getting high-risk students to the graduation stage.

Given Communities In Schools of Houston's demonstrated track record of success, it is fitting to be included among the nation's top ten charities.

The detailed list can be found at [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org).

#### **About Communities In Schools of Houston, Inc. ([www.cishouston.org](http://www.cishouston.org))**

Communities In Schools of Houston, Inc. is a member of the nation's leading organization dedicated to empowering students 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. CIS of Houston operates in nearly 100 schools in the most challenged communities serving over 36,000 young people and their families every year. It has become the nation's leading dropout prevention organization, and the only one proven to both increase graduation rates and reduce dropout rates.

#### **About Charity Navigator ([www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org))**

Charity Navigator is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of over 5,000 charities. Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data. As a result, Charity Navigator, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization itself, depends on support from individuals, corporations and foundations that believe it provides a much-needed service to America's charitable givers. Charity Navigator, can be reached directly by telephone at (201) 818-1288, or by mail at 139 Harristown Road, Suite 201, Glen Rock, N.J., 07452.