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## ACC Students Learn Solar Installation while Helping Families in Need

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, May 1 in Del Valle

*The exact location can be obtained via phone. See bottom of release for more details.*

AUSTIN, Texas (April 26, 2010) – A new partnership between Austin Community College and the nonprofit group A Nurtured World gives students hands-on green job skills while helping local families reduce their electric bills.

ACC students will be installing solar panels as part of the *Training Tomorrow* program, which brings together students studying solar technology at ACC and low-income families. An installation is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, in Del Valle.

“This unique partnership benefits everyone involved,” says Alberto Quinonez, professor of Electronics and Advanced Technologies at ACC. “Families in need see lower bills, while our students get essential experience that will make them even more competitive for emerging green economy careers.”

The Applied Materials Foundation provided funding to A Nurtured World for this upcoming event, as well as for additional solar and home utility upgrades for low-income homeowners and public education events.

“This program builds relationships between diverse communities and educates the public about the financial and environmental benefits of energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy,” says A Nurtured World Development Director Elizabeth Frisch.

**Media Information:** For privacy reasons, the exact location in Del Valle is obtainable only by phone. Please call Effie Brunson, the on-site contact with A Nurtured World, at (512) 577.9296. Information is also available by calling Alexis Patterson, ACC’s media relations coordinator, at (512) 762.2034. Please do not indicate the address or street name in coverage.



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**About the Austin Community College District (austincc.edu):**

ACC, Central Texas’ community college, is the primary gateway to higher education and career training for residents in eight counties. The college provides access to affordable, quality education. ACC enrolls more than 40,000 credit students, offering university transfer

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courses, two-year associate degrees, certificates, Early College Start, access programs that get students “college-ready,” and continuing education. At ACC you can “Start here. Get there.”

**About A Nurtured World ([www.nurturedworld.org](http://www.nurturedworld.org)/[www.1houseatatime.org](http://www.1houseatatime.org)):**

A Nurtured World is a practical, educational and research 501(c)(3) non-profit that is in action in the community and dedicated to a global change in thinking such that people live prosperous lives as well as conserve and restore our natural resources. Our programs, designed by engineers, educators, architects, economists, and financial specialists result in significant measurable reductions in global warming emissions as well as personal and organizational financial savings. Each unique program is designed to provide for experiential learning, development of partnerships between diverse organizations, and delivering cost-effective outcomes that can be replicated across social structures, educational institutions, and public and private entities in a non-partisan, inspiring, action-oriented manner. More information can be found at [www.nurturedworld.org](http://www.nurturedworld.org).

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