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University Park, IL, December 19, 2007 - The Chicago Community Trust recently demonstrated its support of Governors State University president, Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, and the GSU Promise program with a \$25,000 responsive grant to support new leaders. The funds will be used to establish the initial support services infrastructure for the GSU Promise, an initiative to ensure low-income students have access to a university education.

The GSU Promise is a commitment to provide qualified, low-income graduates of Illinois Community Colleges the opportunity to earn a baccalaureate degree debt-free at GSU. To ensure the success of his program, the university and community are committed to raising an initial million-dollar endowment to supplement federal and state assistance.

"The Chicago Community Trust is pleased to support the bold vision and commitment of incoming President Elaine Maimon to secure the promise of higher education for all students who seek to complete their education at Governors State University," said Terry Mazany, President and CEO of The Chicago Community Trust. "There is no remedy more powerful to end the cycle of poverty, nor more transformative to lift up the aspirations and possibilities of a community than its investment in education."

"GSU has long been a specialist in addressing the educational needs of working adults and community college transfer students. The GSU Promise is an innovative approach to respond to the financial challenges that deter many students from earning their degrees," said Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, President of GSU. "We are honored by the confidence that The Chicago Community Trust has placed in us. Support from the Trust will help GSU to encourage students to attain their baccalaureate degrees and reach their full potential."

For more information on how to help support the GSU Promise, call (708) 534-4105 or visit [www.govst.edu/donate](http://www.govst.edu/donate).