

## ***LAPTOPS for DC's TOP GRADUATES-Local Non-Profit Corp.***

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - June 15, 2011**

**Washington, DC** ---As a part of their Successful Peaceful Youth Initiative, **Total Sunshine, Inc.** (TSI) will host it's **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual School Grade Rewards Ceremony** to support top graduates from public high schools in our nation's capital. Laptop computers (donated by First Time Computers, Inc.) and various gifts will be given to DC Valedictorians and Salutatorians for their diligence in academics. TSI is also rewarding the parents. The ceremony will be held at the *Anacostia Community Museum in Washington, DC* on **Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 3:00PM.**

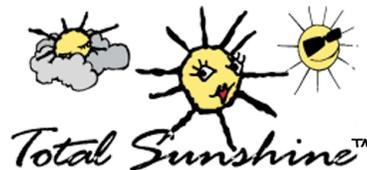
TSI is a DC based non-profit corporation and television show, whose mission includes a role as the "Medic to Society" via "Promoting Smiles." This corporation was founded on Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday in Jan. 2003 by a DC Paramedic in order to combat the hopelessness and despair prevalent among youth and adults, with programs and services that empower, educate, and positively motivate.

Many youth in our nation's capital come from homes that lack resources for tools for academic success. **Last year, all but one of the top graduates from the DC public high schools had a need for the laptop they received at the TSI ceremony for college.** The long-term goal of TSI for this ceremony is to make it a nationwide annual event, which rewards and supports all Valedictorians and Salutatorians (parents included). *"Our goal is to show youth that if they strive for excellence in scholastics, they shall be recognized, encouraged, and supported regardless of their socio-economic backgrounds. We're in the process of requesting permission from the Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum to film this event for broadcast within our television show to highlight DC's youth who are on the road to success despite obstacles including low income and single parent homes. We are really promoting smiles now! I love this!"*  
– Marilyn Holmes, TSI President/Founder

President Obama and the First Family, the DC Mayor, DC City Council Members, DC School Board Members, the DCPS Chancellor, OSSE representatives, parents, teachers, school administrators and press will be among those invited to honor, recognize and support these youth for their tenacity in academics.

**TSI is still gathering rewards and support for their ceremony** from private citizens and local businesses. All donations are tax deductible and can be made online at [www.totalsunshine.org](http://www.totalsunshine.org) For more information call (202) 575-0462, or e-mail TSI at: [info@totalsunshine.org](mailto:info@totalsunshine.org)

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