

## **Automotive Technology Systems and Toyota donate \$10,000 to help local Head Start**



Pictured (left to right) – Jerry Rynder, HR Manager, Automotive Technology Systems (“ATS”); Dale Kihlman, General Manager, Trim Masters, Inc.; Seizo Okamoto, President, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, Inc.; Rick Guernsey, General Manager, ATS; Ernie Green, CEO, ATS; Judy Veach, Director, Embarras River Basin Agency, Inc.; U.S. Congressman John Shimkus; and Shigenori Okura, Executive VP, ATS



Ernie Green, CEO, ATS; Deb Schroeder, Purchasing Manager, TMMNA; and Dale Kihlman, GM, Trim Masters, Inc.



Automotive Technology Systems CEO Ernie Green receives plaque from Seizo Okamoto, President, Toyota Motor Manufacturing., Indiana, Inc.



Hiro Adachi, External Affairs Senior Advisor, TMMNA; Jerry Rynder, HR Manager, ATS; and Robert Chiappetta, Asst. Manager, Government Affairs, TMA-DC

Automotive Technology Systems, LLC of Lawrenceville, Illinois celebrated on July 1, 2004 their joint donation with Toyota of \$10,000 to the Embarras River Basin Agency Head Start. The funding will provide shade canopies for the children's playground, along with computers and software for two Head Start facilities located in Bridgeport and Lawrenceville.

U.S. Congressman John Shimkus, who spoke at the event, said: “As a parent and former teacher, I know that children need to begin developing their learning skills at an early age, skills that Head Start emphasizes. Head Start is a program that provides a boost to pre-school-age children in order to ensure a bright future to our youth. I would like to thank Automotive Technology Systems and Toyota for their boost to Head Start.”

“ATS is pleased to join Toyota in its efforts to support non-profit organizations in the Greater Lawrenceville area. We, at ATS, take a great deal of pride in being a good neighbor and a good corporate citizen,” said Ernie Green, CEO, Automotive Technology Systems.

Automotive Technology Systems, LLC is a minority business joint venture between Ernie Green Industries, Inc. and Trim Masters, Inc. formed on January 1, 2001. This partnership brings together the experiences of two automotive suppliers to provide seating, door panel assemblies and plastic injection molding technologies for Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, Inc.