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Interstate Batteries® Gives Back to its Community Through Company-Sponsored Volunteer Month

Interstate Team Members Participate in Five Community Outreach Opportunities in September

DALLAS (Aug. 29, 2011)—More than 400 Interstate Batteries employees will participate in community outreach projects to give back to the North Texas community in September.

The Interstate Volunteer Month features five projects spread over the four Wednesdays during the month. The volunteer projects involve: working with Children's Medical Center, Union Gospel Mission and Center of Hope, writing cards to soldiers injured in Afghanistan and Iraq and participating in landscaping, carpentry and painting projects at two Dallas schools where 97 percent of the children are on the free lunch program.

“We feel it is important for each of us at Interstate Batteries to participate in projects that create shared value within our community,” said Interstate Batteries Corporate Chaplain Henry Rogers. “These initiatives are in keeping with our company’s mission of providing team members with opportunities that are rewarding and growth oriented.”

Interstate Batteries joins with The Volunteer Center of North Texas for the two elementary school projects. The center collaborates with local nonprofit organizations to provide corporate employee groups of any size with an opportunity to volunteer learn and lead in their communities.

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The Interstate Batteries Volunteer Month projects include:

Children's Medical Center Dallas

Date/Time: 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Sept. 7

Location: Children's Medical Center Dallas, 1935 Medical District Drive, Dallas, Texas 75235

Details: Interstate Batteries volunteers will assemble food baskets, toiletry bags and activity bags for children and adults in the intensive care unit at the hospital. *No Media Cameras Allowed.*

Union Gospel Mission/Center of Hope (women and children's division of the Union Gospel Mission)

Date/Time: noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7

Location: Interstate TEAM Center, Interstate corporate headquarters, 12770 Merit Drive, Dallas, Texas 75251

Details: Interstate employee volunteers will meet Bill Thompson and Hazel Mays of the Union Gospel Mission/Center of Hope, who will each bring an individual who represents success through their organizations. Volunteers will assemble gift bags for their respective groups, infant bags, welcome packets for overnight men at the Union Gospel Mission, and backpacks for elementary, middle and high school students.

Note Cards to Soldiers

Date/Time: 8 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14

Location: Park Central Towers Conference Room, Interstate corporate headquarters, 12770 Merit Drive, Dallas, Texas 75251

Details: Interstate Batteries volunteers will write cards to be sent to service men and women who are hospitalized due to injuries suffered in Afghanistan and Iraq. The Military Ministry of Norfolk, Va., partners with Interstate Batteries to distribute the cards.

Foster Elementary School

Date/Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21

Location: Foster Elementary School, 3700 Clover Lane, Dallas, Texas 75220

Details: The volunteer projects include landscaping beautification and indoor murals for the school.

Carr Elementary School

Date/Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28

Location: Carr Elementary School, 1952 Bayside St., Dallas, Texas 75251

Details: Volunteers will enjoy projects that include creating indoor murals, indoor painting, building bookshelves for new library and landscape maintenance.

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