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EVERY MINUTE COUNTS WHEN IT COMES TO EDUCATION

CARQUEST Auto Parts Team Up with Boys & Girls Clubs to Offer Educational Program

Houston, TX (January 31, 2008) – When the school bell tolls The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs are prepared to help end educational disparities, thanks to a new partnership between CARQUEST Auto Parts and The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs. As a supporting sponsor of *Power Hour: Every Minute Counts*, CARQUEST will provide funding for an interactive after-school program that provides high-yield learning opportunities for Club members.

Power Hour: Every Minute Counts is an interactive homework assistance program offered during after-school hours for children ages 6-18. The program is designed to motivate and improve students' homework skills, and help them feel good about their accomplishments. Students also can receive tutoring as needed.

“More than 14 million children in the U.S. are unsupervised between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day, leaving them in danger of becoming victims or perpetrators of crime or delinquent behavior,” noted Carter J. Savage, Vice President of Program & Youth Development Services, Boys & Girls Clubs of America. “Power Hour is a critical program that not only increases learning opportunities; it also reduces the risk of those children participating in destructive behaviors. We are grateful to CARQUEST; select Clubs will receive grants to conduct Power Hour sessions during the 2007-2008 school year.”

“We are pleased to partner with Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs to assist youth in the communities in which we are located with this quality after-school program,” said Dorothy Brown Smith, Vice President of Communications.

Additionally, CARQUEST works with local Clubs to promote education through fun learning activities. Most recently, CARQUEST sponsored its first Technology Camp at the Corporate Headquarters in Raleigh, offering 24 scholarships to aspiring young people so they could experience and explore today's technology in a real world setting.

The following Salvation Army Boys & Girls branches in the greater Houston area received funding: Irvington (77009), Aldine Westfield (77093), Northwest (77064), Pasadena (77502), and Garden City (77088).

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About The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs is comprised of six facilities in Harris County serving more than 8000 young people. Known as the Positive Place for Kids, the Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development, education and career exploration, financial literacy, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation, and family outreach. www.SalvationArmyHouston.org

About CARQUEST

CARQUEST Auto Parts has more than 3,400 locations throughout North America. It is the premier supplier of replacement products, accessories, supplies and equipment for virtually all makes and models of automobiles, as well as light and heavy-duty trucks, off-road equipment, buses, recreational vehicles and agricultural equipment. Additionally, CARQUEST distributes and sells tools, equipment, chemicals, paint and accessories. For more information please visit www.CARQUEST.com.

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