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Sprint Nextel Invitational Charity Event Golf Tournament Raises More Than \$750,000 for the Red Cross

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 /PRNewswire/ -- Sprint (NYSE: [S](#) - [News](#)) today teamed with the American Red Cross to raise more than \$750,000 at the third annual Sprint Nextel Invitational Charity Event Golf Tournament. The money raised will be used to support life saving services including those associated with the Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. Since its inception two years ago, the tournament has raised more than \$1.5 million for the American Red Cross.

"Through events like today's, we remain committed to the American Red Cross and have pledged our support for helping to raise money and awareness for their critical services," said Gary Forsee, president and CEO of Sprint Nextel. "As our entire nation pulls together to help repair the devastating damage of Hurricane Katrina, Sprint and its partners, customers and employees are eager to make a difference."

In addition to the funds raised through the golf tournament, Sprint has committed nearly \$5 million to the American Red Cross' Hurricane Katrina relief efforts through both monetary and in-kind donations, including a foundation grant, employee donation matching, donated advertising space for fundraising and the loan of thousands of wireless phones and service.

The valued support of the American Red Cross was made possible through the generous support of the event's Platinum sponsors ACS Inc., BCGI, BearingPoint, EDS, **eLutions**, Gemplus Corporation, Motorola, NASCAR and Teletch.

American Red Cross is where people mobilize to help their neighbors -- across the street, across the country, and across the world -- in emergencies. Each year, in communities large and small, victims of some 70,000 disasters turn to neighbors familiar and new -- the nearly one million volunteers and 35,000 employees of the Red Cross. Through almost 900 locally supported chapters, more than 15 million people gain the skills they need to prepare for and respond to emergencies through our health and safety classes. Some four million people give blood through the Red Cross, making it the largest supplier of blood and blood products in the United States. And the Red Cross helps thousands of U.S. service members separated from their families by military duty stay connected.

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"We are grateful to Sprint Nextel and all the other sponsors for their gift to the American Red Cross," said Marsha J. Evans, President and CEO of the American Red Cross. "We have long relied upon their generosity and are heartened that they have come through for us once again."

Sprint and the American Red Cross were thrilled and grateful to Jim Kelly, the voice of the senior PGA for donating his time and talents as master of ceremonies for the afternoon event in support of the Red Cross.

About Sprint Nextel

Sprint Nextel offers a comprehensive range of wireless and wireline communications services to consumer, business and government customers. Sprint Nextel is widely recognized for developing, engineering and deploying innovative technologies, including two robust wireless networks offering industry leading mobile data services; instant national and international push-to-talk capabilities; and an award-winning and global Tier 1 Internet backbone. For more information, visit <http://www.sprint.com>.

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