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Citi Cards Presents 800 Hand Knitted Caps to Local Hospitals

Meridian, Idaho, April 21, 2006 – Citi Cards Site President, Tod Wingfield, and several employees will present Saint Alphonsus Cancer Care Center and St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute (MSTI) with more than 800 hand knitted and crocheted caps, 400 for each hospital, for use by patients undergoing treatment in their cancer units today.

The presentation at Saint Alphonsus Cancer Care Center will take place at 10:30 a.m., and the St. Luke's presentation at MSTI will be at 1:30 p.m. Representatives from each hospital, and possibly some patients, will be on hand.

Citi employees, at the 1,550-person call center in Meridian, hand-make caps as a tribute to those in our community who are undergoing chemotherapy treatment for all types of cancers. Patients use these caps to help regulate their body temperature during treatment and to counter the side effects of hair loss, which is prevalent in this type of treatment.

The Citi "Chemo Cap" program has the brainchild of several employees who began knitting caps for friends and family members undergoing cancer treatment. Seeing the potential to help many patients who are enduring chemotherapy, the enthusiasm to craft these caps grew into a Citi sponsored community program. This small group began to teach other employees how to knit and crochet these beautiful hats, and before long there were caps of many sizes, colors, and styles for men, women and children. More than 100 employees, men and women, are currently knitting or crocheting caps and average about 200 caps per month.

Chery Griffith, Citi employee in the Collections department, was one of the founding members who presented this idea to the Citi Community Relations team. She said, "Every life has been touched by cancer in some way, share, or form. Creating these caps for patients feels like we are personally reaching out to offer comfort as they battle this disease. We try to make each cap special, imagining the people who might wear them. It gives me great joy to think we are making a small difference in someone's life when they need it the most."

Through Citi's philanthropic programs, employees reach out to form active partnerships with community organizations through volunteerism, financial support, and active personal involvement. "We truly believe in making a difference in the neighborhoods in which we live and work, said Tod Wingfield, site president. "We are extremely proud of our community involvement, and this team's efforts to bring the Chemo Cap program to life. They certainly exemplify our community philosophy and values.

Representatives from local hospitals agree, "St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute is very appreciative of the Citi Cards employees who made generous and thoughtful gifts specifically for our patients," said Jan Collingwood, Boise site director of St. Luke's MSTI. "It is the support like this that enables us to provide the best all-around care for our patients." Karl Schultheiss, MD, of the Saint Alphonsus Cancer Care Center said, "These unique and colorful hats from Citi employees will bring comfort and healing to our cancer patients. These hats are expressions from the heart and I know the patients who wear them will appreciate the time and caring that Citi employees devoted to making them."

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