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**AHR EXPO[®] INNOVATION AWARDS COMPETITION TO SUPPORT
LOCAL CHICAGO-AREA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER**

WESTPORT, Connecticut...January 20, 2009 Over \$8,000.00 in entry fees from the 2009 AHR EXPO Innovation Awards Competition is being given to HomeAid Chicago to help rebuild the HVAC system in a domestic violence shelter.

This donation is part of charitable support contributed annually by AHR EXPO to local communities where the world's largest HVAC/R trade show is being held. Total contributions made during the seven years the program has been in existence amount to over \$50,000.00. In years past, the Innovation Awards entrance fee has gone to technical schools for use in their HVAC/R scholarship funds.

Working with HomeAid Chicago, and WINGS Program, Inc., the Show's donation will be used to assist in providing a complete climate control system reworking for a 1960s single-family home in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago. The WINGS Program will be rebuilding the second floor to create five private bedrooms as well as one shared bathroom and upgrading the HVAC system to accommodate the new rooms. The result will be a safe, comfortable and modern living environment for women and their dependent children to live in. Once renovations are complete, up to 20 individuals may reside in the house at a time, depending on family size, and it will provide between 4,000 to 7,000 nights of shelter per year.

Natalie R. Ashton, Executive Director, HomeAid Chicago thanked AHR EXPO saying, "Support from AHR EXPO is imperative right now, as we see the need grow every day for dignified housing where homeless families and individuals can rebuild their lives."

Since 1985, WINGS has provided housing and supportive services for families who are homeless or are fleeing the devastating effects of domestic violence – the main cause of homelessness among women and children.

“We are happy to assist with such a great cause,” said Clay Stevens, President of International Exposition Company, which produces and manages the AHR EXPO. “We enjoy giving back to the communities that host the AHR EXPO by providing them with contributions from our Innovation Award entry fees.”

Now in its 7th year, the AHR EXPO Innovation Awards Competition represents the best submissions from the thousands of products on display at the 2009 AHR EXPO and is sponsored by ASHRAE, AHRI and the International Exposition Co.. Honorees span the industrial marketplace in a total of nine product categories ranging from the latest developments in Green technology to the newest building automation tools.

The 2009 AHR EXPO will be held January 26-28 at Chicago’s McCormick Place Convention Center. The world’s largest HVAC/R trade show will offer attendees the chance to see a wealth of new products and technologies for the first time, as well as choose from over 70 educational sessions and workshops presented by the industry’s leading trade associations on a variety of topics ranging from achieving sustainability and energy efficiency to ‘best practices’ and the latest trends and techniques in the HVAC/R industry.

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About the AHR EXPO

As the largest and most comprehensive HVAC/R exposition, the AHR EXPO attracts tens of thousands of attendees from all facets of the industry, including contractors, engineers, dealers, distributors, wholesalers, OEMs, architects and builders, industrial plant operators, facility owners and managers, agents and reps.

Since 1930, the AHR EXPO has been the HVAC/R professional’s best resource for new products, new ideas and new services. It’s a hands-on, interactive event that showcases a wide spectrum of equipment, systems, and components. This unique industry forum creates a dynamic marketing environment unequalled in size and scope by any other industry event.

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