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Convergent Technologies to Invest \$350,000 in Local Communities for Social Responsibility Day

Chicago (July 21, 2008) – More than 650 Convergent Technologies colleagues in 21 markets across North America volunteered a day’s work on June 20 to help address local community needs as part of the company’s annual [Social Responsibility Day](#). Convergent executives estimate they will invest more than \$350,000 in labor and material costs across all 21 markets.

[Convergent Technologies](#), North America’s fastest growing systems integrator, designs, installs and services electronic security, fire alarm and life safety, and building automation systems.

“Convergent was founded on a set of core values and beliefs that guide our culture,” said Greg Lernihan, president and co-founder of Convergent Technologies. “One of these values, ‘We believe in balanced lives—family, business, community,’ means that we are committed to creating a positive work and family environment and are dedicated to serving the communities in which we live and work.

“In support of this value and to mark the anniversary of the company’s founding, each year in June Convergent provides its colleagues with a paid day off to help local organizations and charities. With more than 650 colleagues and their families participating, Convergent Social Responsibility Day is now an annual event that requires significant planning,” said Lernihan.

This year’s activities include installing security video systems, testing fire alarm and life safety systems and numerous building, maintenance and landscaping projects. In Chicago, Convergent’s headquarters, some 55

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colleagues volunteered at the Mercy Home for Boys & Girls. Since its founding in 1887, the Mercy Home has provided shelter to more than 22,000 children. Projects include painting the indoor soccer field, landscaping and detailing the home's vehicles.

In Dallas, 65 colleagues volunteered at Senior Adult Services, a non-profit organization helping senior citizens with disabilities live independently in their homes. Convergent volunteers provided home repairs such as scraping and painting exterior walls, rebuilding fences, general landscaping and cleaning.

In Atlanta, more than 80 colleagues volunteered at three local charities. At Parkwood Farms, they improved a horse trail and modified a riding arena in preparation for this year's Gwinnett Special Olympics. At Signs and Wonders Ministry, a residential alcohol and drug recovery program, they installed smoke detectors, painted and removed carpeting. At Rainbow Village, which provides transitional housing for families in domestic or economic crisis, they installed a security video system and expanded a playground.

In San Juan Capistrano, California, more than 35 colleagues volunteered at the J. F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center, dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities through therapeutic horse-related programs. Projects included building helmet cabinets, repairing and painting fences, preparing the center for its semi annual horse show, and general landscaping projects.





In recognition of Convergent's ongoing community service, The Center for Companies That Care has named Convergent to its [Honor Roll](#) for the past four years. Honor Roll recipients are selected for their unwavering commitment to elevating the quality of life for their colleagues and communities.

About Convergent Technologies

Convergent Technologies designs, services and installs integrated building systems including electronic security, fire alarm and life safety, and building automation solutions. Among Convergent's customers are Capital One, Boeing, Texas Instruments, BP, Chevron, Suncor and the Army Corp of Engineers. In 2007, Convergent was named the security industry's "Systems Integrator of the Year" by SDM magazine and the fastest growing company in Chicago by Crain's Chicago Business magazine. The firm received the prestigious Frost & Sullivan Customer Service Leadership Award in 2006 and has been recognized for several years by The Center for Companies That Care for efforts to elevate the quality of life in the nearly 20 North American communities in which Convergent offices are located. More information about Convergent's Social Responsibility Day is available online at www.convergent.com/convergent/SocialResponsibilityDay.asp.