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**SMARTBOX, The Supply Room Companies  
Conclude Campaign for Hurricane Katrina Relief  
Pair combines for more than 50,000 pounds of donated items**

**RICHMOND, Va., November 18, 2005** – Richmond companies SMARTBOX and The Supply Room Companies today conclude their campaign to collect donated items for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

SMARTBOX and The Supply Room Companies are proud to announce that as a result of the generosity of Richmond residents and companies, they shipped more than 50,000 pounds of donated supplies to distribution centers and churches in Mississippi and Louisiana.

The companies began collecting items ranging from canned goods and toiletries to water and clothing in early September at more than 20 Richmond-area locations. Items were stored in SMARTBOX storage units and shipped via trucks to hurricane-ravaged areas.

“The outpouring of donations and help from businesses and residents in the Richmond metro area has been amazing,” said Jim Flore, project manager for SMARTBOX. “We thank everyone for their generosity and support of the victims of this devastating hurricane.”

The collection brought out the best in several Richmond companies and people. Some of the highlights include:

- Fast Signs donated signage
- The Contractor Yard donated a truck and a driver to deliver the goods

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- Boy Scouts and volunteers from Beaverdam, Ashland and Midlothian readied more than 30 pallets of goods for shipment

- ESPN 950's Al Coleman and Greg Burton and WAUQ's Chris Kinsel promoted the collection, with Coleman hosting a cookout at his collection spot during his show
- Thanks to Lite 98's Kat Simons and HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Virginia, a SMARTBOX filled with pet supplies was collected
- SMARTBOX's franchise in Charlotte, N.C., also collected items for distribution

Of special note, Mike Lowe, president and CEO of SMARTBOX announced today that SMARTBOX will be opening a local franchise in the New Orleans area this month to help residents with their portable storage needs.

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#### **About SMARTBOX**

SMARTBOX Portable Self Storage, LLC, is a leading provider of portable moving and storage services to residential and commercial customers through its network of franchise operators. Headquartered in Richmond, Va., SMARTBOX began offering franchises in July 2004 and currently has six operating franchises throughout the Southeast.

#### **About The Supply Room Companies**

Founded in 1986, The Supply Room Companies is a leading provider of office supplies and office furniture in the Virginia, D.C. and suburban Maryland markets. In 1999, The Supply Room acquired MEGA Office Furniture, creating a powerful presence in both the office furniture and office supply arenas.