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## **SMARTBOX of Chicago Continues Partnership with Chicago Cares** **Portable Storage and Moving Company Provides for Chicago's Top Volunteer Organization**

SMARTBOX of Chicago, an area leader in portable storage and moving solutions, is lending its "muscle" for the third consecutive year to help Chicago Cares. "We are excited about the opportunity to partner again with a great organization like Chicago Cares. We really believe in its mission to help residents throughout Chicago," said Gregory Kaufman, president of SMARTBOX of Chicago. The company is committing 10 percent of its new-business revenue in August, September and October to support Chicago Cares. SMARTBOX of Chicago also will provide the use of at least 25 portable storage units for various Chicago Cares events, as well as warehouse storage services at the company's Melrose Park facility throughout 2010.

"Chicago Cares addresses the city's most pressing environmental, social and educational needs through inspired volunteerism," said Katie Stearns Director of Service Events for Chicago Cares. "With the help of great corporate partners, such as SMARTBOX of Chicago, we create, manage and lead 215 volunteer projects each month, meeting critical needs and strengthening our city. We also lead large-scale events such as this year's 17th Annual Chicago Cares Serve-a-thon, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2010 and will bring thousands of volunteers together to revitalize Chicago's public schools." In addition to supporting Chicago Cares traditional volunteer programs, SMARTBOX of Chicago will provide storage boxes for the organization's "Business Shares" events – corporate volunteering and team-building efforts.

SMARTBOX of Chicago, co-owned by Gregory Kaufman and Lee Bolnick, the company's chief executive officer, opened its doors in 2007. Located in a 76,000-square-foot storage facility in Melrose Park, IL, SMARTBOX of Chicago is the largest provider of eight-foot portable-storage containers in the Chicagoland area. "With approximately 2,500 portable-storage containers, we feel that we can provide the kind of support that Chicago Cares needs," said Kaufman. "We are proud to do anything we can to help Chicago Cares succeed in its substantial and worthwhile community efforts."

**About SMARTBOX**

SMARTBOX, founded in 2004, is a leader in the portable self-storage industry, offering individuals and businesses affordable and convenient storage and local and long distance moving solutions. Based in Richmond, VA, SMARTBOX services nearly 100 million people in over 43 markets throughout the United States. SMARTBOX also provides long distance moving services to over 65 major metropolitan areas serving more than 135 million people. For a complete list of locations, please visit [www.smartboxusa.com](http://www.smartboxusa.com). For more information about SMARTBOX of Chicago please visit [www.smartboxusa.com/chicago](http://www.smartboxusa.com/chicago) or call 312-564-2704.

**About Chicago Cares:**

Chicago Cares builds stronger communities through volunteerism, and works closely with community leaders and partners to identify needs, create tailored group volunteer projects and mobilize thousands of volunteers to meet these needs. Since its inception, Chicago Cares has offered 330,000 opportunities for Chicagoans to give back at over 25,000 community service projects and dedicated more than 1.15M hours of service to the City of Chicago. More information is available at [www.chicagocares.org](http://www.chicagocares.org).

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