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Containers for a Cause: SMARTBOX Chicago Helps Fight Suburban Homelessness

Chicagoland's leading portable storage and moving company donates to 7th Annual 'Ellen's Excellent Sale' to benefit Lazarus House of St. Charles

CHICAGO, July 1 – SMARTBOX Chicago, a leading provider of portable storage and moving solutions, is donating storage units to Lazarus House of St. Charles to streamline the collection of donations for their 7th Annual Ellen's Excellent Sale fundraiser and street fair. This marks a continuation of SMARTBOX Chicago's efforts to give back to the community.

“From the time we first opened SMARTBOX Chicago in 2007, we have always put an emphasis on giving back. We are glad to donate our services to an organization like Lazarus House” said Greg Kaufman, president and Co-owner. SMARTBOX Chicago operates out of a 76,000 square-foot storage facility in Melrose Park, IL and is currently Chicagoland's largest provider of eight-foot portable storage containers. SMARTBOX is committed to building and maintaining relationships with the community and the public through in-kind donations of products services.

SMARTBOX will be setting up a donation collection site at Lazarus House, and then will be taking the donation-filled storage units to the event site for sale and distribution. “In

past years, we have had issues collecting and storing donated items before the sale due to lack of space at our location, and having SMARTBOX storage units available will really help,” said Darlene Marcusson, Executive Director of Lazarus House. Lazarus House will be collecting donations of goods throughout the month of July. Donations may be dropped off, by appointment, at Lazarus House through July 17. Please call Donna at 630-587-2144 to make arrangements.

This year’s sale and street fair will be held July 30-31st at 1110 Union St. in Geneva, IL. For more information, visit www.lazarushouseonline.com for collection and event times and locations.

About SMARTBOX

SMARTBOX, founded in 2004, is a leader in the portable self-storage and moving industry, offering individuals and businesses affordable and convenient storage and 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 75 major metropolitan areas serving more than 135 million people. For a complete list of locations and information, please visit www.smartboxusa.com. For information on SMARTBOX Chicago please visit www.smartboxusa.com/chicago.

About Lazarus House

Lazarus House, of St Charles, IL was started in June 1997 and has since grown into an organization helping the homeless and near homeless in the Kane County Area. Lazarus House provides emergency shelter and transitional living programs, community resource guidance, rental subsidies and much more. Lazarus House has received numerous awards rewarding their humanitarian and civic engagement efforts. For more information, please visit www.lazarushouseonline.com or call (630) 587-2144.

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