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Rwanda Works Receives \$500,000 Donation For New Health Center From Garth Brooks Teammates For Kids Foundation

New York, NY—March 20, 2009—Rwanda Works announced today that it has received a \$500,000 grant from The Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids Foundation. The grant will finance the construction of the new Ngeruka Health Center located in Bugesera District, Rwanda. Rwanda Works (RW) is a non-profit organization that supports growth and development by improving health infrastructure and management while creating new businesses in poor communities.

“The Foundation has always been focused on giving back in order to improve the lives of children worldwide,” said Don Johnson, president of the Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids Foundation. “The Ngeruka Health Center will allow thousands of children access to life saving health care that was previously unavailable to them.”

Improvement of health care in Rwanda is urgently needed. One in four children fail to receive all necessary vaccinations; more than 65% of school children are infected with worms; and although the number of deaths from malaria has dropped over the past few years, malaria remains a major killer of children.

“Bugesera district, the epicenter of Rwanda’s genocide, faces some of the most serious children’s health problems in the country,” said Dr. Josh Ruxin, co-founder of Rwanda Works. “Without access to healthcare, these children, as well as their mothers and fathers, face a myriad of diseases like AIDS, Tuberculosis, Neglected Tropical Diseases, and Malaria. Thanks to the Foundation’s generous donation, we will be able to build a health center that will not only improve their quality of life; for many, it will save their lives.”

The Ngeruka Health Center will open in early 2010 and will provide services for 27,000 local residents. This is the second center built by Rwanda Works since the organization’s inception.

The Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids Foundation

Teammates For Kids was incorporated in January 1999 as a nonprofit corporation by co-founders Garth Brooks and Bo Mitchell. Teammates For Kids currently has five Teammates sports divisions: Baseball began in 1999, Hockey in the 2001-2002 season, Football (outdoor) kicked-off during the 2003 season, Soccer joined the team in 2007. In October of 2008 Chris Paul of the New Orleans Hornets was announced as the inaugural Teammate in Basketball.

The purpose of the Foundation is to contribute financial resources to selected non-profit organizations that effectively serve and benefit children with an emphasis on health, education and inner-city services. The Foundation triples every dollar donated by athletes and 100% of all donations (unless designated by the donor) goes to the children.

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Rwanda Works strives to transform poor communities in Rwanda by focusing on two vital facets of development: wealth and health. RW helps communities create new, profitable businesses to provide jobs, grow the local economy, and foster entrepreneurship. Since economic growth demands a healthy workforce, RW also works to ensure the availability of superior health care services wherever it operates.