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Stanbridge College Receives National Recognition for Community Service, Named to President's Honor Roll

Irvine, California – Stanbridge College has been named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

"Congratulations to **Stanbridge College** and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities," said Patrick Corvington, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. "Our nation's students are a critical part of the equation and vital to our efforts to tackle the most persistent challenges we face. They have achieved impactful results and demonstrated the value of putting knowledge into practice to help renew America through service."

"Stanbridge College students, faculty and staff are delighted to be named to the President's Honor Roll. Our commitment to community service is deep and on-going. **Our students have consistently involved themselves in projects to serve those in need, and we recognize their efforts in accepting this honor,**" said Yasith Weerasuriya, Chief Executive Officer of the College.

Stanbridge College, based in Irvine, CA, is nationally accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges and was last year named a **2008-2009 ACCSC School of Excellence**. With an annual enrollment of over 500 students, Stanbridge offers Diploma programs in Vocational Nursing and Diploma, Associate and Bachelor of Science degree programs in Information Technology/Security and Accounting.

Stanbridge students, faculty and staff volunteered on a wide range of projects including:

- *Donating over 200 wheelchairs to the Free Wheel Chair Mission (FWM). The FWM wheelchair uses bicycle tires, a pump and resin chairs that can be easily replaced in 3rd world countries.*

- *Raising funds for The Smile Train to help 5 children undergo cleft lip operations.*
- *Raising sufficient funds to become a Medical Action Partner with Doctors Without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontiers (MSF). Additionally, raising over \$1,600 in just two weeks in response to the Haiti earthquake to assist the 3 medical emergency camps that MSF set up to help victims.*
- *Funding the creation of a water well in a rural African village through Mercy Corps to combat the clean water crisis.*
- *Saving an estimated total of 231 lives since September 2008 through participation in blood donor drives, according to the American Red Cross Society.*
- *Gathering toys for the US Marine Corp Toys for Tots program for kids of all ages.*
- *Volunteering at Someone Cares Soup Kitchen to help prepare and serve meals to the Orange County homeless population.*
- *Setting up 2 wireless enabled computer labs in children's homes of Boys Hope Girls Hope of Orange County so that at-risk children in the homes could have a computer to work on after school.*

College students make a significant contribution to the volunteer sector; in 2009, 3.16 million students performed more than 300 million hours of service, according to the Volunteering in America study released by the Corporation. Each year the Corporation invests more than \$150 million in fostering a culture of service on college campuses through grants awarded by its programs, the education awards that AmeriCorps members receive at the conclusion of their term of service to pay for college, and through support of training, research, recognition, and other initiatives to spur college service.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, *United We Serve*. For more information, visit www.nationalservice.gov. The Corporation oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact and the American Council on Education. The Honor Roll includes six colleges and universities that are recognized as Presidential Awardees, with an additional 115 named to the Distinction List and 621 schools named as Honor Roll members. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including the scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

