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## INTEGRA TELECOM EMPLOYEES HOST RECORD BREAKING CHARITY CLOTHING DRIVE

*Telecommunications Provider Delivers 2,800 Pound Donation to Portland Rescue Mission*

**Portland, Ore. – July, 10 2009** – Oregon employees of [Integra Telecom](http://IntegraTelecom.com), a facilities-based, integrated [communications carrier for business](http://communicationscarrierforbusiness.com), donated more than 2,800 pounds of clothing — equal to the weight of a midsize car — to [Portland Rescue Mission](http://PortlandRescueMission.org). The donation was collected through a June clothing drive organized through the company's employee volunteer program, [Community Matters](http://CommunityMatters.com). Integra's contribution is the largest single clothing drive donation the charity has ever received.

"Giving back to our community is an extremely high priority at Integra. Parallel to our commitment to localized customer service, we strive to help our communities wherever we can and encourage our employees to do the same," said [Mike Daniel, senior vice president of Integra Telecom of Oregon](http://MikeDaniel.com). "Community Matters is about building stronger, healthier communities. We're thrilled to support the work of the Portland Rescue Mission and look forward to working with them again in the future."

Integra's Community Matters program provides all full-time Integra employees paid time to volunteer for organizations that promote health and safety for youth and the overall well being of communities Integra serves. In addition to contributing volunteer time and in-kind donations, Integra's employees frequently hold internal drives to gather donations for local nonprofits.

The Portland Rescue Mission provides emergency services such as food, shelter and 24/7 restroom facilities for homeless men, women and children. Additionally, the

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mission offers a 12 to 18-month residential recovery program that includes addiction counseling, life skills training, emotional healing and spiritual renewal. These programs serve more than 100 men, women and children every year.

Grateful for the record clothing donation, [Portland Rescue Mission executive director Eric Bauer](#) commented on the impact and timing of Integra's contribution, "Our supply of jeans was exhausted. Many men, women and children will now benefit thanks to the forethought and generosity of the employees at Integra."

To learn more about Portland Rescue Mission, make a donation or learn about volunteer opportunities, visit [www.PortlandRescueMission.org](http://www.PortlandRescueMission.org) or call 503-MISSION (647-7466).

## **About Community Matters**

[Community Matters](#) is an Integra Telecom program that supports causes and organizations that promote the health, education and well-being of youth; improve the stability and quality of life within Integra's communities; and encourage wellness, safety and the eradication of disease. Through Community Matters, all full-time Integra employees receive eight hours of paid time off per year to volunteer in their communities.

## **2009 Program Achievements:**

- 100 pints of blood donated to the American Red Cross.
- Providence Newberg Health Foundation's Hope for Children Fund charity golf tournament sponsorship and volunteering.
- \$60,000 donation of in-kind telecommunications services and support for six Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon broadcasts.
- Monetary and volunteer time donations for nonprofit organizations including: Habitat for Humanity, National Marrow Donor Program, Ronald McDonald House Charities, The Children's Cancer Association, White Bird, and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

## **About Integra Telecom**

[Integra Telecom Inc.](#) provides voice, data and Internet communications to thousands of business and carrier customers in 11 Western states, including: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah and Washington. The company owns and operates a best-in-class fiber-optic network comprised of metropolitan access networks, a nationally acclaimed tier one Internet and data network, and a 4,700-mile high-speed long haul network. The company has earned some of the highest customer loyalty and customer satisfaction ratings in the telecommunications industry. Integra Telecom and Electric Lightwave are registered

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