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### **ATCO Employees Raise Over \$1.2 Million For Alberta Charities**

EDMONTON, Alberta – More than 340 Alberta charities will benefit from ATCO’s most successful employee-led fundraising campaign to date. Through individual contributions matched by ATCO companies, employees have raised more than \$1.2 million to support non-profit and community service organizations across the province.

“ATCO employees continue to support hundreds of Alberta charities and community service organizations – through payroll deductions and as community volunteers,” said Siegfried Kiefer, ATCO Group Managing Director, Utilities. “This spirit of caring and giving has raised the bar once again, breaking previous records for giving by ATCO employees.”

ATCO today celebrated the success of its companies’ latest fundraising drives in a ceremony involving several beneficiaries of its charitable campaigns, including: WIN House, Canadian Cancer Society Edmonton, Stollery Children’s Hospital, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Youth Emergency Shelter Society, Alberta Lung Association, Rainbow Society of Alberta, Bissell Centre, STARS Air Ambulance, Canadian Diabetes Association Edmonton, and the United Way of Alberta Capital Region, Catholic Social Services, Hope Mission and Crohns and Colitis Foundation.

Every year, ATCO employees organize and carry out fundraising campaigns throughout the province. Employees donate to registered health or welfare charities in their community and ATCO matches that donation.

“With our company’s matching donation program, we can double the impact of our individual giving to charities,” said Donna Wu, chair of the ATCO Electric Employees for Community Health and Welfare campaign. “It’s another way employees and the company are working together to improve the quality of life in the communities where we live and work.”

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In recognition of National Volunteer Awareness Week, ATCO also announced the results of the 2004 ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric Employee Volunteer Recognition Fund. More than 200 employees registered approximately 36,000 volunteer hours in 2004 and were each eligible to donate \$150 to the charity of their choice. More than \$33,000 was donated to charities across Alberta. This fund has been in place since 2001 for ATCO Electric and 2002 for ATCO Gas. Each year has seen an increase in employee participation, hours volunteered and dollars donated.

“It’s great to have the company support our community involvement. ATCO Electric promotes and encourages volunteerism in addition to matching the spirit of employee giving,” said Jerrold Lemko, ATCO Electric employee and Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

“Good works need to be recognized, and our employees are to be congratulated for leading the way ... on the job or at home, for helping improve the lives of those less fortunate and making our communities a better place to live,” said Kiefer. “ATCO is firmly committed to improving the quality of life in communities throughout Alberta where our employees work and live and we are fully supportive of our employees who volunteer their time to enrich community life.”

ATCO Group is an Alberta-based, worldwide organization of companies with more than 7,000 employees actively engaged in Power Generation, Utilities and Global Enterprises. More information about ATCO Ltd. can be found on its website, [www.ATCO.com](http://www.ATCO.com).

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