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ATCO EMPLOYEES RAISE OVER \$1.3 MILLION FOR ALBERTA CHARITIES

EDMONTON, Alberta – From Taber to High Level and from Lloydminster to Jasper, more than 340 Alberta charities will benefit from over \$1.3 million raised through ATCO's 2005 EPIC (Employees Participating in Communities) initiatives. The results were announced in a special event today celebrating the community service and fundraising efforts of ATCO employees throughout 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. “Our approach focuses on community needs supported by employees’ designating their personal charitable donations and volunteering in the communities where they work and live.”

ATCO today celebrated the success of its employees’ latest fundraising drives in a ceremony involving several beneficiaries of its charitable campaigns. Every year, ATCO employees organize and carry out workplace fundraising campaigns throughout the province. Through each campaign, employees donate to registered health or welfare charities in their community and through the ATCO Matching Program the company increases the impact of each employee’s own charitable giving.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, ATCO also announced the results of its 2005 ATCO Employee Volunteer Recognition programs. More than 240 employees registered approximately 38,000 volunteer hours in 2005 and were each eligible to donate \$150 to the charity of their choice. In total, more than \$36,000 was donated to charities across Alberta. Each year the program has seen an increase in employee participation, hours volunteered and dollars donated.

“It’s great to have the company you work for support your community involvement. ATCO promotes and encourages volunteerism in addition to matching the spirit of employee giving,” said Bryce Korzenowski, ATCO Electric employee and Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

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“Through ATCO’s EPIC program, we encourage our employees to spend time and resources helping the agencies they care about most in their community,” Kiefer added. “Our employees are to be congratulated for leading the way – helping improve the lives of those in need and making our communities a better place to live.”

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

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