

Real Estate Partners Sponsors Yellow Ribbon America's Toy Drive for Families of Overseas Military

Real Estate Partners, Inc., a national real estate investment company based in Irvine, Calif., is the national sponsor for Yellow Ribbon America's Operation Christmas For Our Troops III, the largest toy drive in the country that directly benefits military families. This is a terrific way to show support for our brave men and women overseas. A press conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. this Thursday, December 14, at the Newport Beach City Hall building, located at 3300 Newport Boulevard. Toy and gift card donations will be accepted on site and elsewhere through December 20. Information about Yellow Ribbon America and the drop off locations for Operation Christmas can be found at www.yellowribbonamerica.org.

December 13, 2006 (FPRC IRVINE, CA) — Real Estate Partners, Inc., a national real estate investment company based in Irvine, Calif., announced today it will participate as the national sponsor for Yellow Ribbon America's Operation Christmas For Our Troops III. A press conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. this Thursday, December 14, at the Newport Beach City Hall building, located at 3300 Newport Boulevard. The event will be attended by U.S. Army Reserve, Calif. Air National Guard and Calif. Army National Guard personnel, and will feature a display of military vehicles. Toy and gift card donations will be accepted on site through December 20.

"Yellow Ribbon America's Operation Christmas For Our Troops is the largest toy drive in the country that directly benefits military families. It is a terrific way to show support for our brave men and women overseas, and it allows us to demonstrate our appreciation for their families at home over the holidays," stated Tom Thompson, president of Real Estate Partners. "Real Estate Partners is proud to join the City of Newport Beach as a sponsor of this event. Our goal is to spread the word about Operation Christmas For Our Troops and help drive donations at the hundreds of drop off points across California through December 20."

Operation Christmas For Our Troops is a bi-partisan, statewide effort supported by the California State Capitol for deployed National Guard and Reserve military members, as well as private organizations such as Real Estate Partners. This year's event marks the third annual Operation Christmas held by Yellow Ribbon America. Last year Yellow Ribbon America collected over 47,000 toys and DVDs, as well as gift cards and donations for California's military families. Information about Yellow Ribbon America and the drop off locations for Operation Christmas For Our Troops III can be found at www.yellowribbonamerica.org.

"While the holidays can be a very difficult time for military personnel, it can be even more difficult for their loved ones at home. Operation Christmas For Our Troops was created as a way for everyday people, businesses and government to directly show appreciation and support for the families effected by active military service," said Brad White, national chairman of Yellow Ribbon America and legislative board member of the National Guard Association. "With the help of our generous sponsors, such as Real Estate Partners, we can provide children of our troops with a very merry Christmas."

Yellow Ribbon America was founded in February 2003 as a non-partisan, grassroots effort to unite

all Americans in directly helping our nation's military and their families during wartime. The mission of Yellow Ribbon America is to provide a national framework to organize America's cities and towns to deliver immediate and direct support to deployed military personnel and the families who are left behind. Yellow Ribbon America is a proud partner in the Defense Department's "America Supports You" program that spotlights efforts by American citizens and industries to support the nation's men and women in uniform. The Yellow Ribbon America campaign for California's Military & Their Families is a sponsored project of the National Guard Association of California.

Real Estate Partners, Inc., based in Irvine, Calif., is a privately held real estate investment services firm specializing in the acquisition, repositioning, management and disposition of high-growth properties, including multifamily, retail, office and industrial. Real Estate Partners offers unique opportunities to individual and group investors and 1031 exchanges requirements. For more information about Real Estate Partners, call 877-986-1700 toll-free or visit www.realestatepartnersinc.com and www.great-apartments.com.

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