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Integra Telecom Inc. Sponsors Telecommunications for the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon

Telecom Provider Supplies Phone Service for Telethons in Six States

Portland, Ore. – Aug. 29, 2008 – [Integra Telecom Inc.'s](#) *Community Matters* program, which supports initiatives and organizations that benefit the lives of the people in the communities Integra serves, has donated telecommunication services to six local broadcasts of the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethons. Scheduled for Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31 to Sept. 1, 2008, Integra will support telethons in: Denver, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Seattle and Portland, Ore.

“Integra Telecom is proud to be the telecommunication sponsor for the 2008 Muscular Dystrophy Association,” said Dudley Slater, CEO of Integra Telecom. “At Integra, we look for ways to interact with and give back to our communities. The Telethon was a natural fit. It allows us to support the health and wellbeing of our communities by doing what we do best – providing phone service.”

As the official telecommunications sponsor of the MDA Telethon, the company will donate approximately \$60,000 in services including telephones, local service, long distance service, equipment and on-site technician support for the entire event. Integra associates and family members will also serve as phone bank volunteers for a portion of the telethon.

This year marks the company’s second year as the event’s telecom sponsor. Integra first became involved with the MDA Telethon through its acquisition of Eschelon Telecommunications, a four-time sponsor of the telethon, in 2007.

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 comprising 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. Primary equity investors in the company include Warburg Pincus, Banc of America Capital Investors and Boston Ventures. Integra Telecom, Electric Lightwave, Eschelon Telecom, Unicom and OneEighty Communications are

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About the MDA

The [Muscular Dystrophy Association](http://www.mda.org) is a nonprofit voluntary health agency working to defeat muscular dystrophy and related diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services, and far-reaching professional and public health education. The Association's programs are funded almost entirely by individual private contributors. More information is available at: www.mda.org.

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