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Toro and Notre Dame Team Up to Clean Up Communities Across the Country

Toro is the official grounds and irrigation equipment supplier to Notre Dame.

Bloomington, Minn. – August 12, 2005 – The Toro Company and the University of Notre Dame are joining forces for the second annual “Toro Mow for a Cause,” which helps local nonprofit organizations in their efforts to beautify their communities. Toro, the official grounds and irrigation equipment supplier to the University of Notre Dame, is sponsoring the community service project as part of the Notre Dame Alumni Association’s Day of Service on October 22, 2005.

As a part of this year’s Mow for a Cause project, more than 200 Notre Dame Alumni Association clubs across the country are invited to choose a local non-profit organization that will benefit from a landscape beautification project. Toro will support the project with tools, supplies and valuable prize packages for participating clubs.

The second annual Toro Mow for a Cause continues the tradition of community service for both The Toro Company and the University of Notre Dame. In 2004, Toro partnered with the Notre Dame Alumni Association to create the first annual Mow for a Cause. That event helped local organizations in South Bend, Indiana; Portland, Oregon; and Ocala, Florida. Toro teamed up with Notre Dame in 2003 to provide an on-field educational opportunity for participants in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program of St. Joseph County, Indiana.

The Toro Company began a strategic partnership with the University of Notre Dame in 2000. Notre Dame benefits from the relationship by receiving the reliable grounds maintenance equipment and irrigation systems necessary to maintain the beauty of its campus, while Toro has the opportunity to align itself with an organization that shares its values, tradition of excellence, commitment to social responsibility, and strong national brand recognition.

Toro’s equipment and expertise also are utilized at a variety of other athletic venues including all outdoor Super Bowl venues, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Rose Bowl, soccer’s World Cup and Disney’s Wide World of Sports® complex.

About The Toro Company:

The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC), with \$1.6 billion in sales annually, is a leading provider of outdoor maintenance and beautification products for home, recreation, and commercial landscapes around the world. Together with its distributors, Toro provides innovative products, agronomic expertise and exemplary service that helps consumers and professionals maintain their landscapes. Visit the company Web site at www.thetorocompany.com. Distributor information is available at 1-800-803-8676.

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