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Toro and Notre Dame Donate Equipment on Behalf of the 2005 “Mow for a Cause”
Organizations Partner to Clean Up Communities Across the Country

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (January 4, 2006) –The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC) and the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association joined forces earlier this fall for the second annual “Mow for a Cause” to help local nonprofit organizations beautify their communities. Toro, the official grounds and irrigation equipment supplier for the University of Notre Dame, sponsored the annual community service project as part of the Notre Dame Alumni Association’s Day of Service.

This year’s project included six Notre Dame alumni clubs from across the country, benefiting organizations in Brielle, N.J.; Buffalo, N.Y.; Charlottesville, Va.; Columbia, S.C.; Ocala, Fla.; and South Bend, Ind. Toro supported the project with equipment and supplies to make the cleanup easier.

At the conclusion of this year’s Mow for a Cause, two participating alumni clubs were randomly selected by Toro to win one of three prize packages that could be donated to a local Catholic school or charity of their choice. This year’s winning clubs were the Notre Dame Club of Greater Charlottesville, who donated a Toro Single Stage Snowthrower and Toro Power Shovel to the Charlottesville Catholic School; and the Notre Dame Club of The Jersey Shore, who selected the Toro Personal Pace® Walk Power Mower, Toro Electric Trimmer and Toro Super Blower Vac. The New Jersey alumni club will raffle off the Toro products to benefit the Notre Dame Jersey Shore Scholarship Foundation.

“We are delighted and honored to receive such a generous donation from Toro and the Notre Dame Club of Greater Charlottesville,” said Lisa Goutos, director of development for the Charlottesville Catholic School. “We will enjoy putting this gift to good use, and the students will appreciate having a safe path to school on snowy days.”

The strategic partnership between Toro and the University of Notre Dame began in 2000, and supports both organizations’ tradition of community service. Notre Dame benefits by receiving reliable grounds maintenance equipment and irrigation systems to maintain the beauty of its campus and football stadium, while Toro has the opportunity to align itself with an organization that shares its values, tradition of excellence, and commitment to social responsibility.

Toro’s equipment and industry expertise also are the preferred choice 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.

The Notre Dame Alumni Association engages more than 107,000 alumni around the world through its network of domestic and international alumni clubs. More than 80 percent of the alumni clubs actively participate in community volunteerism, including more than 750 organized volunteer efforts this past year alone. Over 50 alumni clubs participated in the 2005 Day of Service, with the Toro “Mow for a Cause” program being a large component of their overall service. Other activities included Habitat for Humanity projects, inner-city mentoring programs, and several hurricane relief efforts throughout the south.

About The Toro Company:

The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC), with 2005 sales of \$1.8 billion, 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.