



# News Release

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## **\$2.7 MILLION PLEDGED BY ATCO AND ITS EMPLOYEES**

More than 500 charities, communities to benefit

CALGARY, Alberta – ATCO and its people, through their company wide ATCO Employees Participating in Communities (EPIC) fundraising program, have pledged \$2.7 million to more than 500 charities and community groups across Canada for 2009.

ATCO EPIC is a unique, employee-led fundraising initiative where employees donate to the charity of their choice and their donations are then matched by the company. Employees from all 10 ATCO principal operating companies participated in the program. Fundraising events included everything from a moustache growing contest to silent auctions.

The ATCO EPIC contribution, which reaches every corner of Alberta, was announced today in Calgary and Edmonton at special celebrations that brought together Committee Chairs from the ATCO Group of Companies and representatives from benefiting community and charity organizations.

“This donation of \$2.7 million reinforces our employees’ commitment to the communities where we live and work,” said Siegfried Kiefer, Managing Director, Utilities and CIO, ATCO Group. “Even at a time of great economic uncertainty, the people of ATCO have opened their hearts and wallets and generously gave so others can benefit. This compassion and sense of giving is a hallmark of the people of ATCO.”

ATCO ensures that 100 per cent of the funds go directly to benefiting organizations. This is done by the company absorbing all administration costs.

ATCO Group, an Alberta-based worldwide organization of companies with assets of approximately \$8.5 billion and more than 7,800 employees, is comprised of three main business divisions: Power Generation; Utilities (natural gas and electricity transmission and distribution) and Global Enterprises (industrial manufacturing, technology, logistics and energy services). More information about ATCO Ltd. can be found on its website [www.atco.com](http://www.atco.com).

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