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HMSHost Helps Build Bridges and Transform Lives

HMSHost Corporation makes Holiday donation to Bridging the Gap, aiding Kenya, Africa

BETHESDA, MD – A world leader in providing food, beverage and retail concessions, HMSHost Corporation fulfills the needs of air and motorway travelers every day. Its efforts, however, do not end there. Through the non-profit organization Bridging the Gap, HMSHost has also found a way to connect with people traveling by foot.

By constructing pedestrian footbridges throughout sub-Saharan communities in Africa, Bridging the Gap is helping local people to conquer the dangers created by flash flooding and treacherous rivers and ravines. With a \$10,000 holiday donation from HMSHost, this effort will both improve and save the lives of countless numbers of people.

“Bridging the Gap’s labors reduces safety risks, improves the opportunities for communities to access education and healthcare and opens the doors to economic prospects that may otherwise have been restricted,” said Les Cappetta, HMSHost Executive Vice President of Business Development. “We are honored to contribute to such a worthwhile cause which impacts and benefits so many people.”



Masai women and school girls cross new bridge in Kenya

Bridging the Gap uses cost-effective engineering techniques and local labor and materials to construct their footbridges. To learn more about this organization as they create and broaden the paths of young and old alike, visit www.BridgingtheGapAfrica.com.

Director of Bridging the Gap, J. Harmon Parker says, "We are truly thankful for this generous contribution, HMSHost's donation will allow us to construct at least one bridge in a much needed location. The men, women and children of west Pokot will be very grateful." He adds, "HMSHost is sincerely committed to serving travelers in unique and necessary ways. Their innovative and philanthropic efforts are sincerely appreciated."

About HMSHost

HMSHost is world-renowned for creating customized shopping and dining spaces in travel venues. The innovative company operates in more than 90 airport locations around the globe, including 18 of the 20 busiest airports in North America. HMSHost has annual sales in excess of \$2.0 billion and employs more than 26,000 associates worldwide.

A wholly-owned subsidiary of Autogrill S.p.A, HMSHost and the Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in travel amenities. With sales exceeding \$4.0 billion, Autogrill is present in 30 countries with over 4,500 points of sale in 979 locations (including 138 airports and 645 motorways) where 51,000 employees serve over 800 million customers every year.

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