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## **UNITED SPACE ALLIANCE EMPLOYEES TAKE HEART AND GO RED FOR WOMEN**

HOUSTON, Texas (March 8, 2007) -- United Space Alliance employees participated in the 2007 national American Heart Association (AHA) Go Red for Women campaign in February. They recently presented AHA with a check for the funds raised during the event. Employee activities raised nearly \$4,300 while increasing awareness that cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of women in the United States, claiming about 500,000 lives a year. That's more than the next six causes of death combined, including all forms of cancer.

Employees were encouraged to wear red on the first Friday in February as part of the awareness campaign. Volunteers even got creative and engaged their bosses, friends and co-workers in individual events for their departments.

"AHA Go Red for Women is an important day for all of us," said USA's Polly Schroeder. "We were very pleased with the outcome and that we surpassed last year's fund raising."

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Elements within USA designed their own fundraisers and awareness events. One group of employees hosted a Go Red for Women healthy tea party for every woman who wore red. Women in other departments made their own Go Red T-shirts to promote the Go Red for Women campaign, while others sold more than 300 Go Red for Women tribute cards along with chocolate-covered strawberries. Volunteers hosted a luncheon and silent auction at the USA headquarters building.

“We all had a great time learning how to change our eating habits and how to take care of ourselves better by getting our hearts checked every year,” said Gina Ibanez, Go Red event lead for USA. “This was outstanding work across elements. It was obvious that creativity was a big part of this successful event.”

The fund raising concluded with a Valentine’s Day bake sale. The bake sale featured the theme of the day, with heart-shaped cakes, cookies and tuxedo chocolate-covered strawberries.

“USA employees are increasing the awareness of preventing heart disease and helping to save the lives of people they love,” Ibanez said.

United Space Alliance is a world leader in space operations with extensive experience in virtually all aspects of the field. Headquartered in Houston and employing 10,000 people in Texas, Florida and Alabama, USA is applying its broad range of capabilities to NASA’s Space Shuttle, International

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