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Good Neighbor Pharmacy Helps Raise Funds For American Heart Association

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More than 230 Stores Participate in 'Have a Heart Save a Heart' Program From August Through October 2002

ORANGE, Calif., Aug 15, 2002 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Good Neighbor Pharmacy locations throughout Southern California are participating in the American Heart Association's "Have a Heart Save a Heart" program to raise funds for heart disease and stroke research and education programs.

Customers in more than 130 Good Neighbor Pharmacy locations in Los Angeles County and 100 locations in Orange County will be asked to purchase red paper hearts for \$1 each. Each heart sold will be hung in the store, and customers purchasing a heart will be able to dedicate it to someone they love who has suffered from heart disease or stroke.

The "Have a Heart" promotion is taking place from August 15 to September 15 in more than 130 Good Neighbor Pharmacy locations in Los Angeles County. One hundred GNP stores in Orange County will participate in the program from September 15 through October 28.

The "Have a Heart" promotion is being conducted through the American Heart Association's American Heart Walk program and is aimed at raising awareness of heart and stroke risk reduction.

"Good Neighbor Pharmacy supports the work of the American Heart Association," said Lonnie Zamora, Southwest Director of Good Neighbor Pharmacy in Southern California. "We believe that public education and research will help reduce the toll of cardiovascular disease."

"Every contribution to the American Heart Association, regardless of its size, allows us to seek treatment advances in the fight against heart disease and stroke," said Neil O'Hanlon, Immediate Past Chairman of the Board of the American Heart Association, Western States Affiliate.

About the American Heart Association

The American Heart Association spent about \$382 million during fiscal year 2000-2001 on research support, public and professional education, and community programs. Nationwide, the organization has grown to include more than 22.5 million volunteers and supporters who carry out its mission in communities across the country. The association is the largest nonprofit voluntary health organization fighting heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases, which annually kill about 960,000 Americans.

About Good Neighbor Pharmacy

Good Neighbor Pharmacy, an AmerisourceBergen program, is a network of independently owned and operated community pharmacies. There are more than 2,000 pharmacies nationwide operating under the Good Neighbor Pharmacy name. To locate the Good Neighbor Pharmacy nearest you, call 888-GNP-STOR, or access the website at www.myGNP.com.

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