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GH Phipps' Gift to Local Charity Provides Holiday Cheer and School Safety

**\$15,000 CHECK TO SAFE2TELL PROVIDES ECONOMIC BOOST TO
STATEWIDE SCHOOL SAFETY INITIATIVE**

Colorado Springs, Colo., — December 17, 2008 — Snow-covered golf courses have made the charity golf season a faint memory until GH Phipps Construction Companies announced a \$15,000 gift to statewide non-profit Safe2Tell. GH Phipps presents the gift to Special Agent Susan Payne, Executive Director of Safe2Tell, at Phipps' Colorado Springs' headquarters, 496 Nevada Mesa View, from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, December 18th. Concurrently, GH Phipps will announce the beneficiary of its 2009 golf tournament.

"We're so thankful to everyone at GH Phipps who participated and volunteered in our biggest tournament to date," said Michael Hajek, who leads business development in the GH Phipps Colorado Springs office. "The funds we raised will go toward helping Safe2Tell provide a secure, anonymous outlet for individuals to report important tips and protect them, their friends and their families from horrific crimes or eminent dangers."

Continuing its commitment to the community, GH Phipps identified Safe2Tell as this year's beneficiary after CEO Charlie Graft joined their board. Already, Association of General Contractors, Hispanic Contractors of America, and Association of Women in Construction have joined GH Phipps in making Safe2Tell awareness and support a new priority.

Safe2Tell ensures that every Colorado student, parent, teacher and community member have access to a safe and anonymous way to report any safety, with a focus on early intervention and prevention through awareness and education. From September 2004 to present, nearly 4,000 calls have been received resulting in more than 1,000 Tip Reports from 110 Colorado cities and 47 counties.

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“You have your own voice, you can use it to make the life of someone else better or worse,” notes former FBI fugitives expert and hostage negotiator Susan Payne who now directs Safe2Tell. “If you don’t speak up for someone, sometimes *no one else will*. At Safe2Tell we provide a safe, anonymous way for you to speak up and make a difference in the life of someone who needs it.”

Here are just a few powerful examples of the program’s success:

- Threats of a planned school attack are averted after a tip gives law enforcement enough information to make an arrest.
- A caller tells of an adult who sells drugs to middle school students, which leads to an undercover police investigation.
- A caller reports that she is frequently abused by her boyfriend but is afraid to get help.

Safe2Tell has received generous support from Colorado State Patrol, The Colorado Trust, Daniels Fund and other government and philanthropic gifts. They accept donations through of GivingFirst, a program of the Community First Foundation at www.givingfirst.org/19954 and at www.safe2tell.org.

GH Phipps has established a presence in southern Colorado, with several major projects in the region for El Paso County, the US Air Force Academy, and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. “It’s important that we give something back to the community we’re such an integral part of,” added Hajek.

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