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**AERO PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL RECEIVES RED CROSS HUMANITARIAN AWARD**  
– “Circle of Humanitarians Award” Given in Appreciation of AeroBed® Donation for Hurricane Relief –

WAUCONDA, Ill. (March \_\_, 2005) – Aero Products International, Inc., makers of the award-winning AeroBed®, has received the American Red Cross “Circle of Humanitarians Award” in appreciation for donations given to aid Florida hurricane victims during late summer 2004.

Representatives of the Red Cross’ national organization and Greater Chicago chapter visited Aero Products’ headquarters in Wauconda, Ill. in March to present the award to the team that coordinated the donation of 800 beds. The beds, worth more than \$200,000, were distributed to households in Florida following last year’s deadly hurricanes.

"The American Red Cross appreciates Aero Products International's generous donation of AeroBeds®, which were used to support our relief efforts for Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricane Charlie," said Skip Seitz, senior vice president of growth and integrated development of the American Red Cross. "Their contribution enabled the Red Cross to provide comfort during sheltering to those who lost their homes as a result of these disasters. We truly appreciate Aero Products and their employees' commitment to helping those in need."

In total, Aero Products has donated beds worth nearly \$1.3 million to regional relief efforts of the American Red Cross. Other donations were made to assist flooding victims in Northern Illinois, those affected by a massive F4 tornado in southeast Nebraska and, most recently, 4,400 beds to the Red Cross of Central Texas in anticipation of flooding and other spring disasters in central and southern Texas.

"We were surprised and honored to receive this award from the American Red Cross," said Jack Hall, CEO of Aero Products International, Inc. "We believe giving those in need a comfortable night's sleep is our responsibility and it's part of our organization's renewed culture of community awareness, involvement and spirit."

Aero Products International is a leading producer of premium, air-filled products under the aero® bed and aero® sport brand names. Aero Products provides quality-conscious consumers with unique, innovative, air-filled products and accessories that have superior levels of convenience, comfort, durability and style. Aero Products is backed by the Good Housekeeping Seal. The original aero® bed was developed in 1992 and Aero Products has since adapted its inflation technology and superior quality to a wide array of products, ranging from indoor and outdoor bedding. For additional information, visit the Aero Products Web site at [www.ThinkAero.com](http://www.ThinkAero.com).

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**PHOTO CAPTION:**

Amanda Lepof (holding award), officer of in-kind donations for the American Red Cross, and Michael Wojcik, manager of corporate and foundation relations for the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago, presented the "Circle of Humanitarians Award" to Aero Products International at its headquarters in Wauconda, Ill. The award was given in recognition of Aero Products' donations to support the Red Cross' relief efforts following the deadly series of hurricanes, which hit Florida last year. Also receiving the award were Aero's employees that facilitated the company's donations, (from left to right, back row) Jean LeClaire, rework supervisor; Cindy Matsie, executive assistant to CEO Jack Hall; Oscar Ponce, warehouse supervisor; Susan Sperling, director of marketing communications; (seated) Amy Braband, shipping manager; and Lori Glass, senior vice president of marketing.

