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**McCownGordon Donates Old Cell Phones to Pay for Talk Time for Soldiers**

KANSAS CITY, MO., September 10, 2008 — McCownGordon Construction employees donated approximately 400 old cell phones to the “Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 56 and Cell Phones for Soldiers Campaign,” which will help troops stay connected with their families.

The national campaign goal is to collect more than 50,000 cell phones. Each phone is recycled, which pays for one hour of talk time for a soldier. Created by two teenagers who wanted to help out our troops, more than \$1 million in donations and more than 500,000 prepaid calling cards have served soldiers overseas.

“We are a company committed to giving back to the community,” said Martha Martinez, Human Resources Coordinator for McCownGordon. “When we heard about the campaign from the Kansas City Star newspaper, and what little action was needed to help, we jumped at the opportunity and tasked our employees to assist.”

Numerous McCownGordon employees brought in unused cell phones, filling 4 boxes. In fact, the company even incorporated the donation into a “company rooftop cookout,” where staff paid for a meal that benefitted ‘Adopt a Family’ and also earned raffle tickets for donating their old phones. As part of the company’s three core values, giving back to the community is something it encourages all employees to become involved in, Martinez said. “We are highly involved in many organizations such as United Way, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and many more.”

McCownGordon’s donation to the Leavenworth, Kan. drop-off location nearly doubled the amount of cell phones that had been previously received. Bud Haney, Assistant Director of Programs of the VFW National Headquarters is ecstatic about the company’s donation.

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For more information about the Veterans For Foreign Wars Post 56 and Cell Phone for Soldiers, please visit [http://www.vfwpost56.org/Events/CellPhones4Soldiers/Press\\_Rel\\_CellPhones.pdf](http://www.vfwpost56.org/Events/CellPhones4Soldiers/Press_Rel_CellPhones.pdf)

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