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**Foresters Donates Dollars, Toys To Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare  
*Supports Gillette Through Children's Miracle Network***

**St. Paul, Minn.** – Foresters is committed to helping children with complex medical needs through its longtime affiliation with Children's Miracle Network. This February, Foresters, a life insurance organization that champions the well being of families, continued that tradition by donating stuffed animals to Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul, Minn. The local effort — involving more than 150 employees and members — is one of 27 similar events being held throughout the U.S.

Foresters officially launched its stuffed animal donation program this year in celebration of the organization's 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To date, Foresters has distributed more than 4,000 bears to children at Gillette and 12 other Children's Miracle Network hospitals. The company estimates that, by the end of 2009, more than 8,000 stuffed animals will have made their way into children's arms.

Foresters support of Gillette didn't end with toys. They've also participated for the past three years in the KS95 for Kids® Radiothon. An annual event broadcast live on KS95 FM, the Radiothon raises money for Gillette and Children's Cancer Research Fund. Foresters also sponsors "Power Hours"— a period of time where companies match listener donations.

"We are so grateful to Foresters for their partnership and support," says Darlis Clausen, Children's Miracle Network director at Gillette. "When you meet these amazing kids and hear their stories, the impact of companies like Foresters becomes crystal clear."

Foresters is also the founding sponsor and international underwriter of Radiothon program for Children's Miracle Network in the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom. Foresters support allows every dollar raised at each Radiothon event to stay in the

community to help children and their families at their local Children's Miracle Network hospital. Last year alone, Radiothons raised more than \$50 million for children's hospitals.

**About Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare**

Gillette, an independent, not-for-profit hospital and clinics, is internationally recognized for its work in the diagnosis and treatment of children and young adults who have disabilities or specialized medical needs, such as cerebral palsy, complex orthopaedic conditions, craniofacial anomalies, neurological conditions, brain and spinal cord injuries, spina bifida and juvenile arthritis. To learn more, visit [www.gillettechildrens.org](http://www.gillettechildrens.org).

Children's Miracle Network is an international organization dedicated to raising awareness and funds for 170 children's hospitals across the nation. Founded in 1983, Children's Miracle Network has raised billions to support the complex medical care and crucial services children need. Locally, Children's Miracle Network funds benefit Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare.

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