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**BRIDGESTONE FIRESTONE TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTES  
NEARLY \$400,000 TO NASHVILLE ORGANIZATIONS IN 2004**

*More than \$4.2 million in donations to various communities and organizations throughout the U.S.*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Dec. 30, 2004) –The Bridgestone Firestone Trust Fund has concluded yet another great year of service to the communities that Bridgestone Americas calls home throughout the United States, including Nashville and Middle Tennessee. This year the philanthropic arm of Nashville-based Bridgestone Americas Holding, Inc. (BSAH) donated more than \$390,000 to help more than 70 Middle Tennessee non-profit organizations and charities. The Bridgestone Firestone Trust Fund donated more than \$4.2 million in 2004 to charitable and community organizations across the country.

“We’re very proud the Bridgestone Firestone Trust Fund is able to provide assistance to so many organizations in the Nashville community,” said Christine Karbowiak, chair of the Bridgestone Firestone Trust Fund and vice president of public affairs for BSAH. “It’s rewarding to know that we’re able to give back to our various communities and become even more a part of them, especially when they have given so much to us.”

The Trust Fund makes contributions to worthy non-profit organizations that address children’s issues, education initiatives, and environment and conservation programs. The Girl Scout Council of Cumberland Valley is but one of many organizations that have benefited from the assistance provided by the Bridgestone Firestone Trust Fund. The contributions made by the Trust Fund, part of a five year pledge, help fund the renovation efforts of Camp Holloway, a creative arts camp that offers Girl Scouts a variety of adventure activities and physical challenges.

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"Camp Holloway has such a rich heritage and now it has wonderful new facilities, too," said Agenia Clark, President/CEO of the Girl Scout Council of Cumberland Valley. "The first thing that campers see when they arrive is the welcoming front porch of the lodge. We very much appreciate Bridgestone's generous donation to make this porch such a special place. We are thrilled that thousands of campers each year can spend time on the porch, studying the historical displays or just rocking in the rocking chairs and enjoying the view. "

In addition to the Girl Scout Council of Cumberland Valley, numerous local organizations have received funds throughout the year including: Boy Scouts of Middle Tennessee, Nashville Ballet, Ronald McDonald House, Junior Achievement of Middle Tennessee, Kids of the Community, Make a Wish Foundation, Tennessee Botanical Gardens & Fine Arts Center, Scarritt Bennett Center, YWCA, Homework Hotline, Hands on Nashville, WPLN FM 90 and WNPT Channel 8 Public TV.

Nashville-based Bridgestone Americas Holding, Inc. is the U.S. subsidiary of the Bridgestone Corporation. BSAH, through its subsidiaries, develops, manufactures and markets a wide range of Bridgestone, Firestone, Dayton and associate and private brand tires to address the needs of a broad range of customers, including consumers, automotive and commercial vehicle original equipment manufacturers and those in the agricultural, forestry and mining industries. The companies also produce air springs, roofing materials, synthetic rubber and industrial fibers and textiles and operate the world's largest chain of automotive tire and service centers.

The Bridgestone Firestone Trust Fund, the philanthropic arm of BSAH, is a charitable trust established in 1952 by Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, a predecessor to BSAH. It contributes millions annually to 501(c)3 organizations in support of causes which champion children's issues, education, and environment and conservation.

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