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## **THE AMERICAN BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH PARACO GAS TO RAISE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS IN NEW YORK AND CONNECTICUT**

### ***Paraco Continues Its Three-Year Participation in the “Fuel for Hope” Campaign***

BALTIMORE (October 22, 2009)— The American Breast Cancer Foundation (ABCF), a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to providing direct financial assistance to uninsured and underinsured individuals for diagnostic tests to aid in the early detection and survival of breast cancer, announced today that Paraco Gas will continue to support the nationwide “Fuel for Hope” campaign throughout counties in New York and Connecticut. Since 2006, Paraco Gas has placed five pink trucks on the road and donated more than \$50,000 to the “Fuel for Hope,” a campaign that heightens awareness of the need for early detection of breast cancer through a network of propane companies across the country that customize a pink truck for deliveries within local communities.

Since 1968, Paraco Gas has been a family owned and operated company based in Rye Brook, New York and operates 21 propane distribution facilities and employs over 250 people. As one of the largest independent propane retailers in the Northeast, it delivers approximately 40 million gallons of propane to more than 75,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in seven states including Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Vermont. Paraco’s five pink trucks serve customers in Putnam, Ulster, Westchester and Fulton Counties in New York as well as Fairfield County in Connecticut. For every gallon of fuel delivered by the trucks, Paraco donates one cent to the American Breast Cancer Foundation to support the *Key to Life Breast Cancer Assistance Program*, which provides women and men in need with

mammograms, biopsies and support services for the detection and treatment of breast cancer

“The propane industry provides the American Breast Cancer Foundation with tremendous support through the Fuel for Hope campaign,” said Phyllis Wolf, president of the American Breast Cancer Foundation. “We are honored that Paraco Gas has been a contributor to the campaign since its inception in 2006. The pink trucks generate a lot of interest and encourage women to get their first or annual mammograms.”

“Many of our employees have a personal story about how cancer has affected a family member, neighbor or friend,” said Mike Gioffre, vice president of sales and marketing. “As a family owned business, we are committed to the communities in which we serve and our role in raising awareness of breast cancer as well as the importance of early detection and treatment. Our customers respond in a very positive way to our support for this important cause.”

ABCF’s *Key to Life Breast Cancer Assistance Program* provides direct assistance in the form of financial grants for annual mammogram screenings and breast cancer diagnostic tests to find or rule out breast cancer. Each year, approximately 8,000 women and men nationwide receive services through the *Key to Life Breast Cancer Assistance Program*. Breast cancer patients may also be eligible for support items such as wigs, prosthesis and medications.

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***About the American Breast Cancer Foundation:***

The American Breast Cancer Foundation (ABCF) is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to providing direct financial assistance to uninsured and underinsured individuals for diagnostic tests to aid in the early detection and survival of breast cancer. ABCF’s Key to Life Breast Cancer Assistance Program provides breast cancer patients with financial assistance for support items such as emergency treatment, wigs, prosthesis and medications. Critical information and referral services are provided to support patients and their families. To best serve all populations throughout the United States, Spanish speaking staff and third party translation services are available to accommodate most languages. ABCF supports research for innovative diagnostic, treatment and patient support methods through leading medical institutions.