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American Red Cross Celebrates Swaying Palms Soirée; Randy Perkins, CEO of AshBritt Environmental, and Wife, Saily Chair

Pompano Beach, FL (December 17, 2009) — The American Red Cross Broward County Chapter celebrated its Swaying Palms Soirée on Friday, October 23 at Hugh's Culinary in Oakland Park with more than 200 guests including prominent philanthropists and influential community leaders.

Guests of the tropical ball were treated to a splendid cooking demonstration by Chef Hugh McCauley and Randy Perkins of AshBritt Environmental, who along with his wife, Saily, were the chairs of this year's ball.

Ronald L. Book and Jim O'Connor, co-hosts of the ball, led the celebration which featured dancing accompanied by the beautiful tunes of The Brass Evolution, and a cigar room, where aficionados enjoyed premium hand-rolled cigars. Guests also were able to enjoy a wine tasting presented by Premier Beverage, Inc.

With the help of this year's outstanding crop of ball committee volunteers, the Swaying Palms Soirée raised about \$160,000 in support of the life-saving programs, and the disaster relief and community education efforts carried out daily by dedicated American Red Cross volunteers serving all of Broward County.

"My wife and I are delighted to be the chairs of this year's Swaying Palms Soirée," said Randy Perkins, AshBritt Environmental CEO. "Especially in our line of work, AshBritt recognizes the magnitude of help and support the American Red Cross provides to our communities when disaster strikes."

"We are so grateful for the generosity of our supporters and sponsors," said Alicia Laszewski, American Red Cross Broward County Chapter Executive. "Money raised from this event will support the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross in Broward County, across the country and around the world."

About AshBritt Environmental:

AshBritt Environmental is a leading provider of disaster recovery management and environmental services to cities, counties and states faced with natural and man-made disasters. Highly trained personnel provide the safest and fastest emergency response available in a wide range of disciplines including disaster recovery, engineering, solid

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waste and special environmental services. AshBritt Environmental was honored by the APWA (American Public Works Association) in November 2009 with the award of excellence for their continued support and partnership with the professional organization. For more information about AshBritt Environmental, please visit www.AshBritt.com.

About the American Red Cross

In the last 12 months, the Broward County Chapter of the American Red Cross has responded to more than 200 disasters in our community including fires and floods. In addition, they reached more than 115,000 people with lifesaving Red Cross courses including Adult, Child, and Infant CPR and First Aid, water safety education, swim lessons and lifeguard training and babysitter training.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and counsels victims of disasters, teaches lifesaving skills, and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization – not a government agency – and depends on volunteers and the generosity of local citizens to perform its humanitarian mission. For more information, please visit www.browardredcross.org.

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