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**HID Global Becomes Platinum Sponsor of Mission 500 with 30 Child Sponsorships**

Mission 500, an important non-profit initiative focusing its efforts on the security industry and dedicated to serving the needs of children and communities in crisis, announced today that HID Global has become a Platinum Sponsor and will offer 30 free child sponsorship packages to its staff.

HID Global, an ASSA ABLOY Group Brand, will promote the charity within the organization to motivate other staff members to join in and support the initiative. In the second year, the first 30 staff members will have the option of continuing with the child sponsorship and HID Global will co-fund with 50% of the ongoing monthly costs.

"We are excited to partner with Mission 500 and to contribute to this worthy cause. We look forward to promoting it to all of our staff and customers over time," said Denis Hébert, president and CEO of HID Global, and executive vice president, ASSA ABLOY.

The goal of Mission 500 is to sponsor 500 needy children through World Vision's child sponsorship program. It is a volunteer-driven initiative, and one hundred percent of the funds raised are channeled directly to World Vision. The globally renowned humanitarian organization provides food, clothing and education to those truly in need.

George Fletcher, advisory board member of Mission 500 and volunteer added, "We are very excited by the addition of HID Global to our growing list of partners and donors. HID Global's leadership, and that of our other sponsors, shows the commitment of the Security Industry to unite and address a global issue. Their addition to our group of partners is helping us end the year on a high note."

HID also donated \$5,000.00 to Mission 500 in 2007, bringing the total funds collected since its launch in Mexico in April 2007 to over \$44,000.00.

Mission 500 currently sponsors 130 needy children. Corporate sponsors and donors include Altronix, HID Global, LRG Communications, ExpoSeguridad Mexico, SIA (Security Industry Association), Security Products Magazine, and DMF. For more information on contributions or sponsorships visit [www.mission500.org](http://www.mission500.org) or contact George Fletcher at: [pr@mission500.org](mailto:pr@mission500.org) or +1-786-276-7110.

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*Led by George Fletcher and Andrea Ferrando, a group of security industry veterans and volunteers launched Mission 500 in April 2007, an important non-profit initiative dedicated to serving the needs of children and communities in crisis.*

*Mission 500 was originally conceived in the late '90's by Tronex International. Its objective was to reach a goal of sponsoring 500 needy children through World Vision's child sponsorship program. The company, staff, suppliers, and customers worked together towards a common goal of "giving something back" to the community and the markets they served; others just wanted to help make a difference in a child's life.*

*Because of the group's intimate knowledge of the security industry, they have focused their efforts on this industry. There are eight Advisory council members, comprised of a number of Security Industry veterans who also volunteer their time to lead Mission 500 toward its goal. This group includes: Ron Spiller, Les Gold, Andrea Ferrando, Alan Forman, Richard Hahn, Marc Mineau, Craig Robinson and George Fletcher.*