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**SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC NORTH AMERICAN OPERATING DIVISION EMPLOYEES
EMBRACE COMPANY'S COMMITMENT TO HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
BY PARTICIPATING IN UPCOMING HEART WALK**

Local company pledges to raise \$250,000 for cardiovascular research

PALATINE, III. — September 6, 2007 — The Schneider Electric North American Operating Division is making a pledge to help employees live happier, healthier lives by sponsoring numerous teams in the American Heart Association's 2007 Metro Chicago Start! Heart Walk, Sunday, Sept. 30, at Harper College in Palatine. More than 600 friends, families and employees of the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division, which has headquarters in Palatine, and Juno Lighting Group, a subsidiary of Schneider Electric with headquarters in Des Plaines, have pledged to raise \$250,000 to support cardiovascular research.

Schneider Electric has participated in four past Heart Walks and this year, joined a list of local companies engaged in Start!, the American Heart Association's new campaign to get Americans walking. Start! provides a catalyst for positive change in American business that helps promote physical activity and heart health and recognizes employers who champion the health of their employees and work to create a culture of physical activity in the workplace.

"Safety and health are two of the key guiding principles of the Schneider Electric North America Operating Division. We are always looking for new ways to engage our employees in every aspect of the safety, environmental and health process. During each step, we look for employee involvement opportunities," said Chris Curtis, president of Schneider Electric USA. "The American Heart Association's Start! program has been an excellent tool to help us promote a healthy corporate culture. It is important for us to encourage our employees to take up walking and other healthy habits as part of their daily routine to live longer, stronger lives."

For decades, Schneider Electric has been the industry leader when it comes to safety. Each employee receives 6 hours of training per year, regardless of his or her department, and is trained on safe practices at work as well as at

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home. In addition, the organization's commitment to healthy lifestyles is further evident by its no-smoking policies, reimbursements for health club memberships, upgrading of facilities with fitness centers, among many others. Becoming engaged with Start! has enhanced Schneider Electric's commitment in these areas by emphasizing the importance of personal health. It is one more way the organization is working to arm employees with the knowledge, skills and resources to be safe and healthy in all aspects of their lives.

Curtis is among 28 Chicagoland business executives who serve as local Start! leaders. He recently spoke at the Start! Leadership Breakfast, held at Millennium Park in March, about rising healthcare costs and the importance of wellness programs. He uses his own experience and family history with heart disease to emphasize the importance of a healthy lifestyle and as corporate co-chair of the 2007 Metro Chicago Start! Heart Walk, will promote this message along with the Schneider Electric team at the upcoming walk.

More than 5,000 local walkers will be putting their best foot forward in joining the American Heart Association's fight against heart disease and stroke. The walk funds lifesaving heart and stroke research and American Heart Association community education programs.

"As the signature fundraising event for the American Heart Association since 1994, the Heart Walk promotes physical activity and heart-healthy living in a fun family environment," said Jeanette Flom, vice president of the Metro Chicago Heart Walk. "Locally, more than 18,000 walkers participate in four events across Metro Chicago, raising funds to save lives from the devastation of heart disease. Chris' leadership of this event has been incredibly inspiring and has helped take the Start! Heart Walk to new heights."

Founded in 1924, the American Heart Association today is the nation's oldest and largest voluntary health organization dedicated to reducing disability and death from diseases of the heart and stroke. These diseases, America's No. 1 and No. 3 killers, respectively, and all other cardiovascular diseases claim more than 870,000 lives a year. In fiscal year 2005-06, the association invested more than \$543 million in research, professional and public education, and advocacy and community service programs to help all Americans live longer, healthier lives.

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