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TRAVELCENTERS OF AMERICA COLLECTS \$2,750 IN DRIVER DONATIONS FOR ST. CHRISTOPHER FUND

FUNDS RAISED BENEFIT TRUCK DRIVERS IN NEED

WESTLAKE, Ohio, September X, 2011 – Summer has brought about a wave of generosity from TravelCenters of America LLC (“TA”) customers. Since June, professional drivers have donated more than \$2,750 at the TA booth at three trucking shows. Donations were for the St. Christopher Truckers Development and Relief Fund (SCF), a not-for-profit organization which helps professional drivers suffering from financial hardship due to medical problems.

From the Walcott Jamboree at the Iowa 80 TA in Walcott, Iowa, to the Expedite Expo in Wilmington, Ohio, and finally, the Great American Trucking Show last week in Dallas, Texas, drivers contributed cash donations to help their fellow truckers. Since the Mid-America Trucking Show (MATS) in Louisville, Ky., earlier this year, TA has dedicated a portion of its trade show booth space to raising money for SCF. The MATS show generated \$3,300 in donations, totaling more than \$6,050 that has come straight from the heart of drivers.

“Truck drivers are some of the most generous people around,” commented Tom O’Brien, TA’s President and CEO. “They love helping their fellow drivers, but also know that donating to SCF means they may be able to count on the fund should they ever need to,” he added.

TA accepts donations and gives drivers a chance to spin the “prize wheel,” where all spaces contain TA-donated prizes. Every spin is a winner – so there’s no gamble. Prizes range from t-shirts and pens, to gym bags and flashlights. Drivers walk away feeling good that they have received a prize, while also helping those in need.

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“We’re going to continue our partnership with SCF,” O’Brien continued. “It’s just another way we can show drivers that we are committed to them.”

TA has been supporting drivers through SCF since the Driver’s Relief Fund was founded in 2007. Late last year, TA and Petro employees and customers donated nearly \$215,000 during a month-long fundraising drive called “Band Together.” It was the largest single donation SCF had ever received and helped the organization provide assistance to 330 drivers and their families in 2010. TA will hold another month-long campaign to benefit the fund in November of this year.

“We are so thankful for the support that TA has given us,” said Dr. Donna Kennedy, Executive Director of SCF. “With TA promoting driver donations, we are able to help more people in need with monthly bills, including utilities and mortgages.”

About TravelCenters of America LLC

TravelCenters of America LLC (TA), headquartered in Westlake, Ohio is a leading national chain of travel centers in 41 states and Canada under the TravelCenters of America and Petro brands. With convenient locations on interstate exits, TA offers its customers diesel and gasoline fueling services, full and quick-service restaurants, heavy truck maintenance services, 24-hour convenience stores, electronic communication (WiFi) and other services --- all within large, high traffic facilities. For more information on TravelCenters of America, please visit www.tatravelcenters.com

About St. Christopher Truckers Development and Relief Fund

The St. Christopher Truckers Development and Relief Fund (SCF) is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization that provides financial assistance to professional truck drivers who have medical problems and cannot otherwise afford healthcare. SCF also conducts health research to benefit professional drivers and the trucking industry. For more information, please visit www.truckersfund.com.

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