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HOMEWOOD SUITES TAMPA AIRPORT-WESTSHORE BRINGS “DUCK TALES” TO METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES’ HEAD START PROGRAM

WHAT: As part of an ongoing community service partnership with Metropolitan Ministries, Homewood Suites Tampa Airport-Westshore’s hotel team will accompany “Lewis the Duck” to the organization’s school to promote reading and hand out books to students.

WHO: General Manager Todd Kinney and hotel associates of the Homewood Suites team will escort costumed Homewood Suites mascot “Lewis the Duck” to visit pre-school and elementary-aged students at Metropolitan Ministries’ Head Start and after-school programs.

WHEN AND WHERE: Wednesday, February 24 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Metropolitan Ministries’ Head Start Program, 2301 North Tampa Street, 33602. The team will read first to a group of approximately 20 Head Start students, and then to a group of 30 elementary school students enrolled in the Ministries’ after school program.

WHY: As a responsible corporate partner, McKibbon Hotel Management supports the communities that we serve. For several years, we have supported Metropolitan Ministries through a variety of service efforts, including participation in the annual Bridge Builders event, providing volunteers and collecting canned goods during the Christmas season for the Holiday Tent, collection of school supplies for Backpacks of Hope, and offering additional support and contributions throughout the year. Our company chairman, John McKibbon, III, currently serves on Metropolitan Ministries’ Board of Directors, and encourages the hotel teams of the 10 properties that we manage in the Tampa area to support the organization through community service activities like today’s reading event. We would like to share the joy that volunteering brings to our hotel team members, and encourage other Bay area companies to consider the benefits of community service.

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH HOTEL GENERAL MANAGER TODD KINNEY AND METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES’ REPRESENTATIVES. PLEASE CONTACT PAULA MacDONALD AT (813) 545-1009 TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW TIMES.

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About Metropolitan Ministries

Metropolitan Ministries is a non-profit, nondenominational, faith based organization that faithfully provides answers for poor and homeless families. Founded in 1972 by 13 downtown Tampa Churches, this community supported ministry has earned the trust and support of charitable individuals, volunteers, businesses, churches, synagogues, civic organizations, schools and collaborative partners. Metropolitan Ministries does not depend on government funding and is not a United Way agency. Today, Metropolitan Ministries offers a wide spectrum of supportive services to alleviate suffering, promote human dignity and instill self-sufficiency. As Metropolitan Ministries celebrates over 35 Years of Hope, the Ministries is becoming known beyond the Tampa Bay community as one of America’s most effective and innovative caregivers. Metropolitan Ministries is located at 2002 North Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602. For more information, visit www.metromin.org or call (813) 209-1000.

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