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**The generosity of Quebecers is demonstrated once again as
 the 33rd Telethon of Stars raises \$3,916,620**

Montreal, December 10, 2009 – This year's bilingual Telethon of Stars, broadcast on December 5 on the CTV network, was a great success. Those who missed it can still send their contributions to the Foundation of Stars, up until December 31, 2009.

The Foundation of Stars, organizer of the event, would like to thank everyone for their generosity, which will help further its mission to provide children with a healthy future by raising awareness about children's diseases and collecting funds for pediatric research.

"We're really delighted that even in times of economic downturn, at a time of year when they are heavily solicited, the people of Quebec still care about our cause and have responded to our appeal," said André Huberdeau, CEO of the Foundation of Stars.

The money raised will be donated to the Montreal Children's Hospital, the "CHU Sainte-Justine", the "Centre hospitalier universitaire de Québec" (CHUQ), and the "Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke" (CHUS). Since 1977, the Telethon of Stars has raised nearly \$60 million for research into children's diseases, making it Quebec's largest source of non-governmental funding for pediatric research.

About the Foundation of Stars

The Foundation of Stars is a non-profit organization established in 1963 by a group of Service Clubs including the Lions, Kiwanis, Optimist, the Knights of Columbus to name a few of them. The organization broadcast its first Telethon in 1977. The Foundation of Stars now has a board of directors with a staff of twelve and representatives in every region of Quebec. For more details about the Foundation of Stars, please see its annual report or visit www.telethon.ca.

You can donate until December 31, 2009, by mail, by phone, or online:

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