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Amscot Financial Contributes to Lighthouse Central Florida, Serving Children Who Are Blind or Have Impaired Vision

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Amscot also contributes to Charity Challenge, Inc.

APOPKA, Fla., Dec. 7 /PRNewswire/ -- Amscot Financial, a leading provider of convenient, consumer-oriented financial services, invites all to come out and have fun "the Amscot way" at its open house on Saturday, December 9, 2006 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 3030 East Semoran Blvd. in Apopka. Amscot Financial will present a \$1,000 contribution to Lighthouse Central Florida and to Charity Challenge, Inc.

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Lighthouse Central Florida. Since 1976, Lighthouse Central has served adults and children with low vision and blindness by providing professional rehabilitation and training programs in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake and Sumter counties. Headquartered near downtown Orlando, Lighthouse is the sole non-profit provider of comprehensive vision rehabilitation services in the Central Florida area. Amscot's contribution will go toward supporting the children's programs at Lighthouse.

Charity Challenge. Charity Challenge, Inc. was founded in 1987 by Florida State Senator Lee Constantine of Altamonte Springs. Young adults from throughout Central Florida compete in six challenging, fun-filled, co-ed athletic events, while giving back to the community at the same time. Charity Challenge and the athletic event have grown into Central Florida's largest independent charity, raising \$5 million over the past 19 years.

During the Amscot open house event, children's entertainment will be provided by clown Jennifer Jordan. Radio station WPYO-95.3 will broadcast live from Amscot's parking lot and give away prizes. Free refreshments will also be provided.

At the Amscot grand opening, the Child Protection Education of America, Inc. (CPEA), a national nonprofit organization for missing children based in Tampa, will also be available on site to provide free fingerprinting for children through their "ID ME NOW" program.

The program produces a state-of-the-art, specially designed card for parents to keep. The card contains a set of the child's digital fingerprints, a black and white photo, a dental chart, and instructions on how to do a simple DNA collection. Safety brochures are provided with the fingerprint card, as well as an envelope containing further information on how to complete the child safety kit.

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This information can assist parents and law enforcement officers involved with a missing child case. An interactive child safety CD-ROM can also be purchased for \$5 at the event with profits going to the CPEA for creating the CD-ROM.

Employment Open House

Amscot is growing rapidly, and is seeking talented, ambitious individuals to join our team. Anyone interested in employment with Amscot should bring along their resume. An Amscot recruiter will be on hand to talk about the many exciting career opportunities with Amscot.

About Amscot Financial

Headquartered in Tampa, Fla., Amscot Financial is a leading provider of income tax preparation and electronic filing services, refund anticipation loans, check cashing services, cash advance services, money transfer services and money orders through its wholly owned division, Amscot International Money Order Company. Amscot Financial currently operates 140 tax preparation offices and 140 retail financial service centers throughout Florida and employs more than 1,500 people. In March 2006, Amscot Financial was recognized by the Tampa Bay Business Journal as one of Tampa Bay's Best Places to Work. In June 2006, founder Ian MacKechnie was recognized by Gulf Coast Business Review as its 2006 Entrepreneur Winner. For additional information, please visit the company's Web site at www.amscotfinancial.com or contact Erika Harris, Director of Community Relations, at eharris@amscotfinancial.com or 813-637-6240.

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