

## **Merchant Services Continues Annual Holiday Toy Collection Drive to Help Children in Need**

Irvine, CA; December 23, 2011– Merchant Services partnered with Spark of Love Toy Drive to collect toys for children in need this holiday season.

As part of their ongoing commitment to supporting organizations that help children and families in need, Merchant Services Irvine hosted their annual employee toy collection. Over the course of just two weeks, 76 toys were collected and donated to the Spark of Love Toy Drive.

“Our employees look forward to these opportunities to give back to the community throughout the year, but especially during the holiday season,” shared Bob Parisi, Senior Vice President of Merchant Services, adding “in addition to our regular corporate giving programs, we work to provide as many opportunities for our employees to become involved as possible.”

“It’s great working for a company that gives so much to the community throughout the year,” shared Eric Madura, Client Services Manager at Merchant Services. “And I love that they give us the chance to help as well. Something as simple as bringing in a new toy for a child, and I know I am doing something to help make a difference - it’s a heartwarming feeling.”

Since its inception in 1995 Merchant Services has been committed to giving back to the community. Its team continues to partner with multiple local, national and international organizations to meet their vision of continuously acting in a socially responsible manner, through the investment of hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations to community strengthening organizations.

### **About Spark of Love Toy Drive**

Every year, thousands of children experience a Christmas morning with no gifts to open. To help tackle this crisis, ABC7 and Southland firefighters host the “Spark of Love Toy Drive.” With the love and support of “Spark of Love Toy Drive” donors and sponsors, children across Southern California will receive a new toy each holiday season.

### **About Merchant Services**

Founded in 1995, Merchant Services is a leading provider of e-commerce solutions to businesses throughout the United States. Recognized in 2009 and 2010 by Inc. Magazine as one of *The 5000 Fastest Growing Privately-Held Companies in the U.S.*, Merchant

Services provides sound, reliable and cost-effective bankcard and e-commerce support to tens of thousands of business partners nationwide.

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