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STANDING PARTNERSHIP PROMOTES, ADDS STAFF

ST. LOUIS (March 23, 2006) – Standing Partnership, one of the Midwest’s leading independent public relations firms, recently promoted **Katie Mannhard** to account executive and hired **Gretchen Schiltz** as a client service administrator.

Mannhard joined Standing Partnership in 2004 and provides media relations and internal communications support to clients such as Maritz Inc., Parents as Teachers National Center, St. Louis Mills and UniGroup, Inc.

Schiltz brings a wide variety of customer service and office management experience to the Standing team. She has more than four years experience in public radio and holds a bachelor’s degree from Truman State University. In addition to her client service duties on the Harrah’s St. Louis, Parents as Teachers National Center, UniGroup, Inc. and several other accounts, Schiltz serves as the front office receptionist.

Standing Partnership is dedicated to moving its clients forward through public relations, strategic communications and issues/crisis management. The firm has expertise in plant and life sciences, education, and tourism and hospitality; serves clients that are headquartered in the Midwest, or companies based elsewhere that desire to have a stronger presence in the Midwest.

EDITOR’S NOTE: To obtain a photo of Mannhard or Schiltz in .jpg format, please contact Michelle Cox at 314.469.3500.

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