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**Reliant Energy's PowerBlast Program Turns Astros Home Runs into Cash
for Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston
*Contributions Total More Than \$227,000 Since 2005***

HOUSTON — The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston's after school program got a cash boost thanks to the Reliant Energy PowerBlast Program.

Reliant donates \$250 for every Houston Astros home run hit at Minute Maid Park. When combined with the proceeds of the Home Run Derby with the Houston Texans Reliant hosted in May, the company has donated more than \$47,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs this year.

Reliant presented the check for \$47,000 to club representatives during an on-field presentation Oct. 1 at the Houston Astros vs. Chicago Cubs game. Since its inception, in 2005 the Reliant Energy PowerBlast program has helped raise more than \$227,000 for the clubs.

"Positively shaping the lives of our youth empowers them to reach their full potential," said Jason Few, President of Reliant Energy. "Supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs through donations and volunteerism is important to Reliant because it allows us to help provide resources for education - one of the most important factors in improving the lives of youth and ensuring their future."

In addition to the cash contribution, Reliant provides an array of ongoing support to the Boys & Girls Clubs. About a dozen Reliant employees volunteer to help Houston youngsters with homework and other classroom assignments and projects through the clubs' after-school tutorial program each week. For two years in a row, Reliant employees have collected school supplies for four of the clubs' Houston locations. Reliant also supports Boys & Girls Clubs in Corpus Christi through donations and sponsorships.

"Reliant Energy's continued support of our programs at the Boys & Girls Clubs helps us continue to build a positive place where young people can spend time after school and during the summer," said Angela Hodson, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston. "We appreciate their support."

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston exists to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most to realize their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. With 10 locations in 4 counties, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston has nearly 14,000 registered, young members who seek the Clubs for after school and summer activities. The membership is \$3.00 a year and youth are able to participate in programs such as homework assistance, sports leagues, computer classes, art programs, nutrition classes, career development, and much, much more.

About Reliant Energy:

Reliant Energy provides electricity and energy services to more than 1.6 million retail customers—including homes, small and large businesses, manufacturing facilities, government entities and institutions across Texas. As part of NRG Energy (NYSE: NRG), Reliant Energy is backed by one of the nation's largest power producers. NRG owns and operates more than 24,000 megawatts of generation capacity, including more than 11,000 megawatts of capacity in Texas. For more information about Reliant Energy products and services, visit www.reliant.com.

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