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BLOSSMAN GAS DONATES ECO-FRIENDLY LOW POLLUTING LAWN MOWER TO ASHEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Asheville, NC--3/26/08--Stuart E. Weidie, President and CEO of Blossman Propane Gas and Appliance of Asheville, NC, announced today that Blossman Gas will donate a state-of-the-art patented low polluting lawn mower to the Asheville, NC, Middle School. The 42-inch propane commercial mower manufactured by Encore/Envirogard, operates at an 80% reduction in toxic emissions as compared to gasoline and diesel versions, and up to a 60% reduction in smog-forming emissions.

"We are excited to be part of the growing opportunities in green living," said Regional Vice President of Marketing Jessie Johnson. "Propane has always been the eco-friendly fuel choice, but it also extends the life of the engine, costs less to operate and requires less maintenance." In 1997, the EPA officially recognized propane as an alternative motor fuel, and today the government awards tax credits to those that convert to propane for road use.

The mower, valued at over \$9,000, will be used to keep the grounds and ball fields of the Asheville Middle School manicured. A former professional baseball player and resident of Asheville, Weidie plays an active role in his community.

"There is no better place to start with environmental awareness than in the classroom," said Weidie. "We at Blossman Gas are excited to do our part by reducing the 10% of air pollution caused by gas and diesel-powered lawn and garden equipment."

Founded in 1951, Blossman Gas is proud to offer propane and gas and electric appliances and service to over 130,000 commercial and residential customers across eight southeastern states.

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