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Ron Jon Surf Shop® Grand Opening at Tampa International Airport Sales proceeds benefit Hillsborough Education Foundation

Tampa, FL, April 25, 2005: Tampa-based airport retailer Stellar Partners, Inc. celebrated the Grand Opening of Ron Jon Surf Shop at Tampa International Airport on April 21, 2005. Sales proceeds in the amount of \$5,000 have been donated to support the Hillsborough Education Foundation.

"The Ron Jon concept has been incredibly successful for us, and we are thrilled to bring this brand to Tampa," said President Susan Stackhouse, adding that Stellar Partners is proud of its Tampa roots. "Stellar was founded in Tampa and we have a long, successful partnership with the airport. The mission and values of the Hillsborough Education Foundation are so important to local business owners, and we are pleased to extend our community ties to this organization."

The donation was presented to the Foundation after a ceremonial ribbon cutting at the store. The Grand Opening event was attended by executives from Ron Jon Surf Shop, Bank of Tampa, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, Bank of America, and Hillsborough Education Foundation.

"The Education Foundation is thrilled to have a new supporter that values public education the way Stellar Partners does," said Foundation President, Bill Hoffman. "Members of their executive team have already become involved by volunteering in the schools and on our board. It is outstanding that Stellar Partners is supporting us in such a generous way."

Ron Jon Surf Shop airport locations are operated by Stellar Partners through a license agreement. Each store offers a wide variety of branded apparel, accessories, home décor, and of course, surfboards.

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About Stellar Partners, Inc.

Stellar Partners is a DBE-certified airport retail operator of News & Gifts Shops, Duty Free Stores, Ron Jon Surf Shop®, and Mindworks®, a children's toy and gift shop developed specifically for the airport environment. Established with a single location in 1965, the company has grown to 28 stores in ten U.S. airports. Visit Stellar Partners online at www.stellarairportstores.com.

About Hillsborough Education Foundation

The Hillsborough Education Foundation is a charitable organization whose mission is to invest community resources to help students in K-12 public schools achieve academic success. The Foundation, established in 1988, has raised over \$45 million for enhancement of education in the district and continues to raise about \$4 million annually. Visit the Foundation's website for more information: www.educationfoundation.com

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