

Encore Capital Group pledges \$55,000 and an estimated 350 volunteers to support local communities through 4th Annual Global Volunteer Day

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Encore employees will volunteer more than 2,000 hours in 10 global locations as part of company's Corporate Social Responsibility efforts

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 16, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Encore Capital Group](#), Inc. (NASDAQ:ECPG), an international specialty finance company, today announced it will hold its fourth annual Global Volunteer Day on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016 in San Diego, CA, Phoenix, AZ, Troy, MI, Roanoke, VA, St. Cloud, MN, Tampa, FL, Houston, TX, as well as sites in Costa Rica, India and Puerto Rico when an estimated 350 employees will volunteer personal time to give back to their communities.

Encore employees across the United States will build sustainable homes for families in need through the support of Habitat for Humanity—an international non-profit that provides affordable homes to low-income families around the world. Encore employees in global locations will volunteer with local nonprofits such as Casa Pan in Costa Rica and Literacy India to teach financial literacy and repair local schools.

"Helping residents in our communities achieve financial well-being is a key goal of Encore's corporate social responsibility program," said Sheryl Wright, Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs at Encore Capital Group. "Our company and our people are excited to work toward achieving this goal by volunteering with organizations like Habitat for Humanity and Literacy India."

In 2013, Encore Capital Group launched a global Corporate Social Responsibility program, which demonstrates the company's commitment to supporting employees and communities through volunteerism, financial donations and strategic nonprofit partnerships. To date, Encore has donated more than \$800,000 globally to support nonprofits like Habitat for Humanity that offer a path to dignity and financial self-sufficiency through education, job skills training and affordable housing. Further, Encore has supported employees in volunteering more than 9,000 hours of community service to nonprofits in their communities.

About Encore Capital Group, Inc.

Encore Capital Group is an international specialty finance company that provides debt recovery solutions for consumers across a broad range of assets. Through its subsidiaries around the globe, Encore purchases portfolios of consumer receivables from major banks, credit unions and utility providers.

Encore partners with individuals as they repay their debt obligations, helping them on the road to financial recovery and ultimately improving their economic well-being. Encore is the first and only company of its kind to operate with a Consumer Bill of Rights that provides industry-leading commitments to consumers. Headquartered in San Diego, Encore is a publicly traded NASDAQ Global Select company (ticker symbol: ECPG) and a component stock of the Russell 2000, the S&P Small Cap 600 and the Wilshire 4500. More information about the company can be found at <http://www.encorecapital.com>. More information about the Company's Cabot Credit Management subsidiary can be found at <http://www.cabotcm.com>. Information found on the company's or Cabot's website is not incorporated by reference.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Anchored by the conviction that housing provides a critical foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty, Habitat has helped more than 4 million people construct, rehabilitate or preserve homes since 1976. Habitat also advocates improving access to decent and affordable shelter and supports a variety of funding models that enable families with limited resources to make needed improvements on their homes as their time and resources allow. As a nonprofit Christian housing organization, Habitat

works in more than 70 countries and welcomes people of all races, religions and nationalities to partner in its mission. To learn more, donate or volunteer, visit habitat.org.

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