

## Ingram Micro Unites 680 Leading IT Professionals in New Orleans for Three-Day Business Seminar - Hosts 'Build a Bike' Charity Event to Aid Children Impacted by Hurricane Katrina

More than 300 North America Businesses Team Up with Cisco, HP, IBM and Microsoft to Build Bicycles for Boys and Girls Club of New Orleans

- What: World's largest IT distributor unites hundreds of the industry's top IT professionals including North America's finest solution providers and global IT manufacturers in New Orleans for annual Spring VentureTech Network (VTN) Invitational. Sponsored by Cisco, HP, IBM and Microsoft, the VTN "Build a Bike" charity event will build and donate 26 children's bicycles to the local Boys & Girls Club of New Orleans. Children from the Boys & Girls Club of New Orleans will be in attendance to personally receive the bicycles.
- When: The Ingram Micro VTN "Build a Bike" festivities will take place Monday, March 3rd from 5 pm - 7:30 pm local time.
- Where: The Napoleon Exposition Hall and Ballroom located in the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel at 500 Canal Street. <u>http://www.sheratonneworleans.com/maps and directions.php</u>
- \*\* Local journalists and reporters may RSVP by calling Ingram Micro PR at
  (714) 292-2199 to attend. Photo opportunities onsite. \*\*

In 2005, the building that was home to the Boys & Girls Club of New Orleans was badly damaged by Hurricane Katrina. The Boy & Girls Club is a vital part of the community, offering programs that focus on teaching responsibility and provide recreational activities for boys and girls age 6 to 18.

Ingram Micro's exclusive VTN community represents more than 400 of the IT industry's best and brightest IT solution providers across North America. Celebrating its 10 year anniversary, the VTN community is renowned for delivering superior customer service and technology support to thousands of small and mid-size companies and large enterprises throughout the U.S. and Canada. Many of the VTN members have specialty businesses serving the IT needs of businesses in the Healthcare, Legal and Finance sectors, as well as IT services and technical specialties in IT networking, security, storage and growing technologies such as digital signage.

About Ingram Micro

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