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**ACTRESS PATRICIA ARQUETTE TEAMS UP WITH AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY AND
MIAMI WELDING STUDENTS TO BUILD HOMES FOR HAITI**

MIAMI, FLA., May 27, 2010 – Emmy Award-winning actress Patricia Arquette has enlisted the help of the American Welding Society (AWS) and students from Robert Morgan Educational Center in Miami to help build homes for Haiti through her Give Love Foundation.

Give Love, founded by Arquette and Los Angeles-based fashion designer Rosetta Getty, is focused on working collaboratively with displaced communities to resettle as many homeless families as possible from the chaotic environment of the tent cities. The foundation is implementing a methodical pilot project that will develop and evaluate sustainable low-cost building technologies, green fuel and sanitation systems, and other long-term living solutions for displaced communities within Haiti. The immediate goal is to build out a one-acre site in Cite Soleil, Port-Au-Prince, with 54 housing structures. The units will be constructed out of steel shipping containers.

“I’m so thankful to the American Welding Society and the students at Robert Morgan Educational Center for the time and effort that they’ve put into helping us convert shipping containers into safe, comfortable living spaces suitable for the local conditions and tropical heat in Haiti,” said Arquette. “The families receiving these new homes have been through so much and are so thankful that strangers hundreds of miles away are working hard to make their lives better.”

Arquette contacted AWS in April to help with the welding and construction of doors and roofing trusses for the container homes. AWS then turned to the welding students at Robert Morgan Educational Center for help with the project which provided students with the opportunity to master their welding technique while giving back to the Haitian community.

“The American Welding Society is honored to be able to assist Give Love in their efforts to improve the lives of the many families devastated by the earthquake in Haiti,” said Ray Shook, executive director of the American Welding Society. “We hope to continue working with Ms. Arquette and Give Love to make the dream of providing safe living environments for the Haitian people a reality.”

About AWS

The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 60,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the society's website at <http://www.aws.org> and click on "Pressroom."

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