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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Loft9 Volunteers at Food Lifeline**

*Loft9 associates volunteer to help bring food to needy families.*

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**SEATTLE – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**— Fifteen Associates from Loft9 ([www.loft9consulting.com](http://www.loft9consulting.com)), a Seattle-based consulting firm, volunteered at Food Lifeline (<http://www.foodlifeline.org>). The Loft9 Associates packaged 5,250 pounds of food to help the nonprofit organization in its goal of ending hunger in Western Washington. Together Loft9 and a group from Microsoft were able to help Food Lifeline by repackaging over 8,200 meals. The volunteers bagged potatoes from the Skagit Valley & sorted food donated from local grocery stores. One Associate during the Food Lifeline event remarked, “Whether we are talking about community give back or client work, Loft9 is all about helping others. I really enjoyed realizing this goal today while spending time with my fellow Associates.”

Giving back to the community is a foundational value for Loft9: “To improve the lives of our clients, our Associates, and our communities.” Loft9 created its Community Involvement program to ensure it gives back in the most impactful ways possible.

Loft9 understands that different organizations and causes require different types of assistance. It structured its Community Involvement program to reflect this by giving back in three ways:

- Financial contributions – Monetary donations
- Community service – Associate volunteer hours
- Pro bono consulting – Project Management and Business Analysis services provided free of charge

Ed Beals, Co-Founder of Loft9, explains the reason for the importance put on community involvement. “We all have a responsibility to support our local communities, in good times and bad. We believe that we are only as successful as the communities we live and work within. Our Community Involvement program is a fundamental part of our Firm and reflects our long-term commitment to supporting the community.”

In addition to working with Food Lifeline, Loft9 is a sponsor of the Madhouse Project (<http://www.themadhouseproject.org>), being a major donor and large attendee at its annual auction. During the 2010 holiday season it sponsored a food drive that donated over 855 pounds of food and 1,236 diapers. Loft9 Associates also have a heart for community service and have worked to support The Bike MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Ride, Big Climb for Leukemia and Lymphoma, PANCAN, Children’s Hospital and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

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*Loft9 Associates at the Food Lifeline warehouse after packaging over 5,250 pounds of food.*

**ABOUT LOFT9**

Loft9 is a professional services firm that provides clients the focused business attention and resource bandwidth they need to succeed. Founded in 2010, the firm helps clients plan for and execute on their most critical initiatives by providing best-fit resources in project coordination and business analytics. The firm is based in Seattle, employing over 40 local Associates and serves clients in the non-profit, technology, software, health care and insurance industries. The firm is actively hiring consultants. More information can be found at [www.loft9consulting.com](http://www.loft9consulting.com).

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