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**NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY AND WESTFIELD CENTERS
JOIN FORCES TO FIGHT MS**

January 20 – March 31, 2006 Westfield to support the MS cause by hosting MS awareness activities nationwide, including Westfield Montgomery and Wheaton

[Montgomery County, MD] -- Between January 20 and March 31, 2006, Westfield Montgomery and Wheaton and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will join forces to fight MS by participating in a national campaign that designates Westfield Centers as official MS WALK[®] registration sites. The goal is to encourage participation in the MS WALK[®] – the Society's largest organized fund-raising event – and to raise money and awareness on behalf of the approximately 400,000 people living with MS in the United States. This is the second year that Westfield and the Society have joined forces to raise awareness for MS – a chronic and often disabling disease of the central nervous system, which strikes someone new virtually every hour of every day.

Over 60 Westfield shopping centers across the United States will serve as MS WALK[®] registration sites where shoppers and visitors will have the opportunity to:

- **Register for an official MS WALK[®], held locally in Potomac, Oxon Hill and Bowie Maryland; Reston and Manassas Virginia; and Washington DC;**
- **Receive information about the disease and the Society;**
- **Learn about local MS WALK[®] team rallies and community events highlighting the partnership between Westfield and local Society chapters;**
- **Purchase a \$1 red MS BAND OF HOPEsm to show support of the MS cause and raise money for vital research and local programs and services;**
- **Inscribe the name of someone living with MS on the MS WALK[®] SNEAKERS provided by Westfield.**

Follow the footsteps to fight MS

To take advantage of these opportunities, visitors arriving at participating Westfield shopping centers can simply follow the "Footsteps of Hope" placed on the floors of the centers leading to the Shopping Concierge Center.

The Westfield Concierges will encourage visitors to sign up for one of six MS WALKS[®] held throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area on April 1 or 2, 2006. Money raised funds vital MS research looking for a cure and local programs and services for people living with MS. In 2005 alone, over 200,000 people participated in MS WALKS[®], raising over \$47 million for the MS cause.

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Specifically, the Westfield Concierges will suggest that shoppers and visitors interested in taking part in an MS WALK sign up with “Team Westfield,” an official national MS WALK® team. Westfield teams, comprised of Westfield staff, retailers, and customers will have a presence at MS WALKS® across the country. Upon registering, team members will receive a Westfield/MS WALK® t-shirt, to show their support for the Society and their fellow “Team Westfield” walkers.

In addition, the Concierges will promote MS “aWEARness” by providing the Society’s red MS BAND OF HOPE for a donation of only \$1 or more. These wrist bands allow customers to show their support and contribute funds to vital research and local programs and services for people in the Washington DC metropolitan area living with MS.

For each donation made, Westfield will provide an MS WALK® miniature sneaker that can be customized with a personal message or the name of someone living with MS. The sneakers will then be pinned on the MS WALL OF HOPE located within each Westfield center.

According to Westfield Executive Vice President Todd Putman, “As part of our commitment to invest in people and our local communities, Westfield is excited and honored by its partnership with the National MS Society. We encourage our shoppers, employees, and retailers to take part in this worthy effort to help fight MS.”

“Partnering with Westfield to walk to fight MS is a great opportunity to introduce millions of shoppers to the importance of the MS cause”, adds Joyce Nelson, President and CEO of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. “We are encouraged by Westfield’s commitment and enthusiasm, and know that working with Team Westfield will bring us one step closer to ending the devastating effects of this disease.”

For further information about participating in an upcoming MS WALK®, the red MS BAND OF HOPE, the MS Society/Westfield Corporation partnership, upcoming events, or joining Team Westfield, please contact the National Capital Chapter of the National MS Society at (202) 296-5363, or www.MSandYOU.org.

About Multiple Sclerosis

Every hour in the United States, someone new receives that frightening diagnosis: multiple sclerosis. MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are giving hope to those affected by the disease. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with more than twice as many women as men contracting the disease. MS affects more than 400,000 people in the U.S., and 2.5 million worldwide.

About The National MS Society

The mission of the National MS Society is to end the devastating effects of MS. Through its home office and 50-state network of chapters, the Society funds more MS research, offers more services to people with MS, provides more professional education, and advances more MS advocacy efforts than any other MS organization in the world. This is why we’re here.

Studies show that early and ongoing treatment with an FDA-approved therapy can reduce future disease activity and improve quality of life for many people with multiple sclerosis. Talk to your health care professional and contact the National MS Society at www.MSandYOU.org or (202) 296-5363 to learn about ways to help manage multiple sclerosis and about current research that may one day reveal a cure.

About Westfield

The Westfield Group (ASX: WDC) is an Australian-based company with interests in 130 shopping centers in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. In the U.S., the Westfield Group has a portfolio of 68 shopping centers. These centers are home to more than 9,000 specialty stores and comprise approximately 70 million square feet of leasable space in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Washington.