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### ***Bright House Networks 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Competition for Star Teacher Awards***

**St. Petersburg, FL (October 10, 2008)** – As the 2008/2009 academic year gets underway, Bright House Networks is urging all educators in the surrounding counties of Tampa Bay, to shoot for the stars by entering the 2009 National Star Teacher Awards program. For 20 years, the program has been recognizing the most innovative teachers throughout the country who use valuable resources and cable programming available through Cable in the Classroom.

For 2009, every winning project of the Star Teacher Awards will be awarded \$1,000. In the case of a winning team of three, each teacher will receive \$500 and a Tiffany Crystal Star. All winners will be invited to attend the annual Star Teacher Awards Gala and travel on an all expense paid trip to a selected destination. In addition, the schools that have a teacher as a finalist will receive a new laptop computer for their media center.

“We are looking forward to this year’s competition and honoring our best and brightest teachers throughout our community,” said Mike Robertson, President of Bright House Networks, Tampa Bay division. “Bright House Networks is proud of its partnership with Cable in the Classroom and invites all educators to participate in this great competition.”

A maximum of ten projects will be selected as winning entries. Teachers may enter projects as individuals or as teams of up to three teachers. To be eligible to enter

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projects for consideration in the Bright House Networks National Star Teacher Awards, teachers must be in a state accredited public or private school (K-12) located within a BHN service area. Classroom projects should have occurred between September 2008 and February 2009. All teachers may register on the Star Teacher Awards web site for a special gift. For more information and updated program guidelines, contact [Andrea.White@mybrighthouse.com](mailto:Andrea.White@mybrighthouse.com) or click on the Star Teacher Award link on the Bright House Networks web site at [www.mybrighthouse.com/teachers](http://www.mybrighthouse.com/teachers).

Bright House Networks provides the connection and basic cable service free to virtually all schools in the company's service areas. Connected schools receive more than 540 hours of commercial-free, educational programming each month at no charge through the company's membership with Cable in the Classroom.

### **About Bright House Networks**

Bright House Networks is a leading provider of entertainment and information services, with over 2 million customers in several large markets including Bakersfield, California; Birmingham, Alabama; Detroit, Michigan; Indianapolis, Indiana; Orlando, Florida (Central Florida Division) and Tampa Bay, Florida along with several other smaller systems in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. The company's fiber-optic network offers customers the latest technology available in home phone, cable and Internet services.

Exceptional customer service is the company's cornerstone of its business. Bright House Networks local Customer Care is available 24-hours per day, seven days per week, including holidays. Public affairs, social responsibility and community involvement continue as major initiatives for the company as an ongoing commitment to the families and communities Bright House Networks serves.

Bright House Networks also owns and operates two 24-hour local news operations; Bay News 9, Bay News 9 En Español, Catch 47 Tampa Bay Sports Channel, Travel Weather Now, Tampa Bay on Demand and Baynews9.com serving the Tampa market and serving the Orlando area; Central Florida News 13, News 13 Weather NOW, Central Florida on Demand, and cfnews13.com.

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