



## **Ross Stores Contributes to Southern California Fire Relief**

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NEWARK, Calif., Nov. 11 /PRNewswire/ -- California-based Ross Stores, Inc. (Nasdaq: ROST) is helping communities throughout Southern California recover from losses caused by the recent fires.

Ross 'Dress For Less' is making a \$50,000 cash contribution to the American Red Cross to assist in disaster relief and recovery efforts. Ross's Southern California stores will also offer an additional 10% discount on any purchase made with a Red Cross voucher during the months of November and December.

Jim Peters, President and Chief Operating Officer, stated, "California is home to Ross Stores, and Southern California is one of our key communities, with 103 of our stores located in this region. We offer our heartfelt condolences to our associates and neighbors in Southern California who may have suffered losses due to the fires."

Ross Stores, Inc. generated \$3.5 billion in sales during fiscal 2002. The Company operates a chain of 573 off-price retail stores in 25 states offering first quality, in-season, branded apparel and apparel-related merchandise for the entire family at prices that average 20% to 60% less than department and specialty stores, as well as merchandise for the home at similar savings. Additional information on the Company is available at [www.rossstores.com](http://www.rossstores.com).

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