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## **Deadline approaches for area teachers to submit entries to Bright House Networks' national 'Star Teacher Award' contest**

INDIANAPOLIS (Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2009) – The most innovative central Indiana teachers who have developed creative learning experiences for their students based on quality cable TV programming are encouraged to enter Bright House Networks' national Star Teacher Award contest for a chance to win \$1,000 and a three-day, all-expenses paid trip to Florida.

Entries to the Star Teacher Award must be postmarked by midnight March 2.

Ten awards will be given by Bright House Networks this year. Teachers can enter individually or as a team of up to three. Individuals will win a \$1,000 cash prize, a Tiffany Crystal award and a three-day, all-expenses-paid trip to the Star Teacher Award banquet; teams will share the cash prize. Also, winning teachers' schools will receive a new laptop computer for their media centers.

To be eligible for a Star Teacher Award, teachers must demonstrate how they've utilized cable TV programming to develop curriculum, cross-curricular studies, classroom-to-community activities and more. Classroom projects must have been taught between September 2008 and February 2009. Teachers must either work or live in a Bright House Networks service area.

All entries for a 2009 Star Teacher Award must include a completed application form that is available online at [www.mybrighthouse.com/teachers](http://www.mybrighthouse.com/teachers), an 8.5" X 11" project binder and all support materials.

For detailed information about the Star Teacher award, entry requirements and application forms, visit [www.mybrighthouse.com/teachers](http://www.mybrighthouse.com/teachers).

For 20 years, Bright House Networks has honored and awarded innovative teachers from throughout the nation who develop creative learning experiences for their students based on quality cable TV programming. Bright House Networks provides free basic cable service – and high-speed Internet access – to schools within its Indiana service areas, which includes communities within Marion, Hendricks, Hamilton, Boone and Grant counties, through its involvement in Cable in the Classroom. Annually, select Indiana schools each utilize 6,600 hours of commercial-free educational programming at no charge from Bright House Networks.

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In Indiana, Bright House Networks is one of central Indiana's leading providers of digital video, including Video On Demand, Subscription Video On Demand; digital phone; and high-speed data services. Managed by Advance / Newhouse Communications, Bright House Networks is a privately held company that has served the Indianapolis community for 25 years. Bright House Networks has more than 450 Indiana employees and provides services to more than 120,000 customers in Indianapolis, Carmel, Zionsville, Avon, Pittsboro, Lizton, Fortville, Marion, Gas City and Jonesboro. For more, visit [indiana.mybrighthouse.com](http://indiana.mybrighthouse.com).

Nationally, Bright House Networks is the nation's sixth-largest MSO with 2.4 million customers in large markets including Indianapolis; Bakersfield, Calif.; Birmingham, Ala.; Detroit; and Orlando and Tampa Bay, Fla., along with several other smaller systems in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. Exceptional customer service is the company's cornerstone of its business and top priority across all operating units. Bright House Networks' local customer service centers are available 24 hours a day seven days per week, including holidays. Public affairs, social responsibility and community involvement continue as major initiatives for Bright House Networks as an ongoing commitment to the families and communities the company serves, including long-term commitments to education and to what matters in the lives of Bright House Networks communities.