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Over 80 employee volunteers from Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar to revitalize Grant Middle School!

DENVER – September 27, 2007– Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar will mobilize restaurant managers, corporate support teams and vendor partners from across the mountain region for team-building and to revitalize Grant Middle School. Working with Metro Volunteers and Denver Public Schools, Applebee's employees will paint, refresh landscaping, and revitalize the basketball courts – work that for the most part has not been completed in over 20 years!

Volunteer projects will take place from 9 am to 3 pm on Tuesday, October 2, and again on Wednesday, October 3. The event will culminate with an ice cream party for students, and a basketball challenge between Applebee's and eighth grade students on Wednesday. Grant Middle School is located at 1751 S. Washington Street in Denver, Colorado. **NOTE:** Members of the press must arrange with Gary Renville at the above contact information before being admitted onto school grounds.

“Applebee's is always proud to support the neighborhood, and we are excited to be partnering with Metro Volunteers to give back to the Denver community and the students and faculty at Grant Middle School,” said Stuart Waggoner, President of AppleGrove Restaurants.

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar is the largest casual dining concept in the world, with more than 1900 locations nationwide. The Denver area Applebee's are owned and operated by AppleGrove Restaurants, one of the oldest and largest franchisees in the Applebee's system. AppleGrove currently operates more than 100 Applebee's in eight states, including the 21 locations in the greater Denver metro area. AppleGrove embraces the Applebee's neighborhood philosophy through active participation in and support of the local communities served by each Applebee's restaurant. For more information about Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, visit www.applebees.com. For more information on the local franchisee, visit www.applegrove.com.

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