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American Heart Association Honors Gateway Energy Employee

MONTEBELLO, N.Y. July 24, 2008 – Gateway Energy Services Corporation and one of its employees have been honored by the Rockland County Chapter of the American Heart Association for fundraising efforts at the 2008 Start! Tri-County Heart Walk.

Sarah Seltzer, of New Hempstead, is an energy supply accounting supervisor for Gateway. She was Gateway's top fundraiser with \$698, putting her in the AHA's 500 Plus Club for volunteers raising more than \$500. She received a certificate at a thank-you dinner July 23. Seltzer dedicated her efforts to her grandmother, who died of heart-related disease.

"Heart disease runs in my family, so this is a cause that I believe in," Seltzer said. To add to her commitment, just a week before the walk, on Mother's Day, her mother was hospitalized with symptoms of a heart attack. She is recuperating at home in Memphis, Tenn. Seltzer posted her commitment to raise money in her grandmother's memory on her personal Web page at the AHA site. Each volunteer receives a page for fundraising and donations. "Maybe reading about my personal experience is what helped spur people to donate," she said.

Supporting her during the 3K Start! Walk held May 18 at Rockland County Community College was her family: husband, Jed, and children Joseph, 6, Benjamin, 5, and Johnathan, 3.

Gateway Energy was also honored as a corporate fundraiser and as a finish-line sponsor. More than 50 employees, friends and families participated in the walk. "We are proud of our association with the American Heart Association," said President and CEO Steven J. Maslak. "At Gateway, we believe we have a responsibility to support the communities we live and work in. We take that commitment very seriously."

Gateway Energy Services Corporation, based in Montebello, N.Y., is a leading retail energy supplier, providing natural gas and electricity to more than 300,000 residential and business customers in 26 deregulated markets across North America. Founded in 1997, Gateway Energy provides competitive energy products to consumers, giving them more control over their energy costs. (www.gesc.com)

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