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**Stagnant U.S. Economy Turns Charities to Alternative Fundraising Efforts**  
*Passport Health Offers Flu Vaccine Coupons to Aid Local Organizations*

Miami, FL – 9/1/2008- The declining economy has caused a higher number of people to turn to charities for aid and support. Unfortunately, organizations in the Miami area have noticed a decline in donations in 2008 due to an increase in the cost of goods, services, and gasoline throughout the country. Many charitable organizations are looking for new methods to increase revenue this year.

Passport Health has responded to this need by creating a unique fundraising approach. The Baltimore-based company, with offices in South Florida, has the ability to offer flu shots to those in need. Through an online system created by the company, anyone can go to a partnering organization's website and purchase a flu shot online. A portion of the proceeds go directly to the charity. Upon payment, the donator is emailed a coupon which is redeemable at any of the 165 Passport Health locations throughout the country. Multiple coupons can be purchased at one time and given as gifts to loved-ones, with additional monies going to aid local charities.

The American Lung Association and the Casey Cares Foundation are among a group of non-profit organizations that have already signed up for the innovative program. By partnering with Passport Health, these groups hope to raise money while raising awareness of influenza in the community.

According to the CDC, the influenza virus causes illness in 10% to 20% of the population each year. Approximately 200,000 people are hospitalized each year in the United States because of influenza. Some 36,000 people succumb to the illness annually. The flu accounts for millions of lost work days in addition to decreased productivity at the office. Passport Health is committed to reducing the occurrence and impact of the flu. Last year, the company administered over one million doses of flu vaccine throughout the nation. The CDC recommends that the general population get vaccinated especially: all children, people over the age of fifty, healthcare personnel, the immuno-compromised and those in contact with them, and pregnant women.

As experts in the field of immunization, Passport Health's nurses and doctors offer broad expertise about all vaccines, including flu and travel immunizations, and the diseases for which they provide protection. The company is proud to aid charities while continuing to keep the members of our community healthy. To learn more about donating to these charities or fundraising opportunities, please visit <http://www.passporthealthusa.com>.

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