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Workscope takes charity to the road

[Workscope Inc.](#), a provider of outsourced benefits and talent management software, has kicked off its Workscope Gives Back road trip. Covering 10 cities in two weeks, employees will be driving Saturn VUE Hybrids to make monetary and food donations to local food pantries in cities where the company has customers.

The campaign kicked off on Sept. 30 at the company's headquarters in Marlborough. Other stops include Berkeley Heights, N.J.; Columbus, Ohio; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; New York City; and Wilton, Conn. The tour will head to Detroit on Oct. 13 before wrapping up in Chicago on Oct. 14.

At the opening event, Workscope employees were joined by guests including Massachusetts Sen. [Pamela Resor](#); [Mary Pat Gibbons](#), district representative from Rep. [Jim McGovern](#)'s staff; [Karen Kisty](#), executive aide to Marlborough Mayor [Nancy Stevens](#); [Chris Chirco](#) from the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism; and former Boston Celtics player and founder, president and CEO of WARM2Kids [M.L. Carr](#).

Workscope also donated \$1,000 and nonperishable food items to the Hudson Community Food Pantry and the Marlborough Community Services' food pantry. It also donated \$1,000 to WARM2Kids and the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism during the event.

Wind power talk helps fund Quincy robotics team

The [Quincy Technology Council](#), Quincy 2000 Collaborative and Quincy Public Schools' Helping Youth Pursue Engineering and Robotics (HYPER) team hosted an informational event in Quincy on wind turbines. Mayor [Thomas Koch](#) and Sen. [Michael Morrissey](#), chair of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy, joined other speakers to discuss how wind power will affect Quincy in the coming years. Proceeds from the event were donated to HYPER to help them toward their goal of attending next year's regional competitions.

Morrissey will host another informational event on wind turbines and other alternative energy generating methods on Oct. 14 at the Quincy Historical Society from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Robert Gordon at gordon.rp@pg.com.

Virtusa recognized for disaster software work

[Virtusa Corp.](#) has been selected as one of 11 finalists for the U.S. Secretary of State's 2008 Award for Corporate Excellence (ACE). The Westborough-based company was recognized for its time and resource contribution to the Sahana disaster recovery system,

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