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## Personnel Growth Guides Team Sycamore

*Sycamore hires its 160th employee*

August 4, 2010 - Frederick, MD: Seven employees, one IT contract, and a blue mini-van (120,000-miles young), marked the truly humble beginnings of a company named Sycamore. While the van, affectionately known as 'The Sycamore Bus,' has long-since expired, Sycamore's sole contract from Day One has not. It continues to be supported today, but is now backed by a Sycamore that is 160 employees strong, setting an important milestone in the company's history.

"I couldn't be happier about Sycamore's growth," said company president and CEO Kurt Heckman. "Growth provides more opportunity for everybody."

Remembering the days when Sycamore had its mail delivered to the basement of an employee's home, Mr. Heckman can't help but smile when thinking about the growth that Sycamore has experienced since its founding on January 29, 1996. There was the Macintosh Power PC that was the sole source for the invoicing, scheduling, and record-keeping for the company; and of course, the company luncheons where everyone jumped into the van for an afternoon meal.

Welcoming the company's growth, these employee functions continue today, albeit, with a much larger turnout. Where eight employees met at Camden Yards to watch the Orioles lose a game in 1996, more than 200 tickets (most of section 66) were purchased by the company for employees and their families, only to watch them lose again this year. Despite the team's problems on the field, Team Sycamore remains strong, encouraged by each other and by the idea of a company of humble beginnings, pushing toward a bright future.