



## **Cross Country Healthcare to Co-Ring Nasdaq Closing Bell to Celebrate National Nurses Week 2009**

BOCA RATON, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May. 8, 2009-- Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. (Nasdaq:CCRN), a diversified leader in healthcare staffing services, announced today it will co-ring the Nasdaq closing bell on Friday, May 8, 2009, in a joint ceremony to celebrate National Nurses Week 2009.

Joseph A Boshart, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cross Country Healthcare, will ring the closing bell at 4:00 p.m. Joining him at the NASDAQ MarketSite on Times Square will be Franklin Shaffer, EdD, RN, FAAN, the Company's Chief Nursing Officer who has been a Registered Nurse for more than 40 years, along with six Cross Country RNs currently on travel assignments at area hospitals in New York City.

Mr. Boshart's brief remarks will recognize the skills, compassion and tireless commitment of the nearly 3 million registered nurses in this country and their efforts to help build a healthy America – one patient at a time.

Sharing the Nasdaq balcony to ring the closing bell will be Dorrie Fontaine, RN, PhD, FAAN, Sadie Heath Cabaniss Professor of Nursing and Dean of the University of Virginia School of Nursing.

In addition to the closing bell ceremony and Mr. Boshart's remarks, a Cross Country Healthcare video designed to celebrate the people who deliver nursing care will play on the NASDAQ MarketSite Tower at Times Square, the world's largest stationary video screen. Beginning at 3:50 p.m., a live webcast will show the closing ceremonies at [www.nasdaq.com/about/marketsitetowervideo.aspx](http://www.nasdaq.com/about/marketsitetowervideo.aspx).

Nurses Week is celebrated annually throughout the United States from May 6-12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. This year, the American Nurses Association has selected "*Nurses: Building a Healthy America*" as the theme for 2009.

### About Cross Country Healthcare

Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. is a diversified leader in healthcare staffing services. The Company offers a comprehensive suite of staffing and outsourcing services to the healthcare market, which together include being a leading national provider of nurse and allied staffing services and multi-specialty physician staffing services; a provider of clinical trials services to global pharmaceutical and biotechnology customers; and a provider of other human capital management services focused on healthcare. The Company has more than 5,000 contracts with hospitals and healthcare facilities, pharmaceutical and biotechnology customers, and other healthcare organizations. Copies of this and other news releases as well as additional information about Cross Country Healthcare can be obtained online at [www.crosscountryhealthcare.com](http://www.crosscountryhealthcare.com). Shareholders and prospective investors can also register at the corporate website to automatically receive the Company's press releases, SEC filings and other notices by e-mail.

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