



**ESPEED, INC. AND BGC PARTNERS HOST LATEST CHARITY
POKER EVENT IN CHICAGO**

-- \$20,000 "Winnings" Donated to Support Local Charities --

Chicago – December 12, 2007 – eSpeed, Inc. (NASDAQ: ESPD), a leading developer of electronic marketplaces and related trading technology for the global capital markets, and **BGC Partners**, a leading inter-dealer brokerage firm providing integrated voice and electronic services to wholesale fixed income, interest rate, foreign exchange and derivatives markets worldwide, announced that they recently hosted the latest in a series of Texas Hold ‘Em charity poker events to raise money for local charitable causes.

The event at Morton’s Chicago was attended by approximately 200 futures and government bond trading customers of eSpeed and BGC. Participants were given a bank of “charity chips” to begin the tournament, with the \$20,000 prize money donated to charities selected by the two top winners. The Texas Hold ‘Em tournament is part of a series of successful worldwide charity ‘broker poker’ events held by eSpeed or jointly hosted with eSpeed’s affiliate, BGC Partners, for customers in New York, Chicago, London, Paris and Hong Kong.

The winning traders, Jamie LaGrow, from Banyan Financial LLP, selected Canton Goodfellows, and Chicago Children’s Charities and David Rosenthal, from Rosenthal Collins Group, chose the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Canton Goodfellows, Canton, Michigan, is a non-profit organization whose “goal is to ensure that there will be no Canton child without a Christmas.” Chicago Children’s Charities is a non-profit volunteer organization that raises monies through fundraising activities to support the betterment of children in the Chicago area. The Greater Chicago Food Depository is a not-for-profit food distribution and training center providing food for hungry people and striving to end hunger in the city of Chicago.

Paul Saltzman, Chief Operating Officer of eSpeed, Inc., said, “As part of our philanthropic commitment to give back to the communities where we work and live, eSpeed is pleased to partner with our customers to support these local charities that are working so hard to improve the lives of others.” Pat Troy, Managing Director of eSpeed in Chicago, added, “We’d like to thank our customers once again for helping make this a memorable and worthwhile event.”



Nancy Spencer, President of Canton Goodfellows said, "The news of a generous donation from the charity poker tournament sponsored by eSpeed and BGC Partners and won by Jamey LaGrow of Banyan Financial could not have come at a better time for our children. This donation will allow us to provide much needed food and gifts to over 500 needy children in Jamey's home town of Canton. We are so very grateful to both eSpeed and Banyan Financial for contributing to Canton Goodfellows."

Hilary Whitzleben of Chicago Children's Charities said, "On behalf of Chicago Children's Charities, we thank you for your generous donation. Your donation will make a tremendous impact to the diverse group of beneficiaries we support. Your meaningful contribution to CCC will help these organizations meet their goals. We cannot thank you enough!"

Kate Maehr, executive director of the Greater Chicago Food Depository said, "The Greater Chicago Food Depository is so grateful for this generous donation from Rosenthal Collins Group and eSpeed. We could not provide food for nearly 90,000 hungry people every week without our community partners."

About eSpeed, Inc.

eSpeed, Inc. (NASDAQ: ESPD) is a leader in developing and deploying electronic marketplaces and related trading technology that offers traders access to the most liquid, efficient and neutral financial markets in the world. eSpeed operates multiple buyer, multiple seller real-time electronic marketplaces for the global capital markets, including the world's largest government bond markets and other fixed income and foreign exchange marketplaces. eSpeed's suite of marketplace tools provides end-to-end transaction solutions for the purchase and sale of financial products over eSpeed's global private network or via the Internet. eSpeed's neutral platform, reliable network, straight-through processing and superior products make it the trusted source for electronic trading at the world's largest fixed income and foreign exchange trading firms and major exchanges. To learn more, please visit www.espeed.com.

On May 29, 2007, eSpeed announced that it had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 29, 2007 with BGC Partners, Inc. ("BGC Partners"); Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. ("Cantor"); BGC Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership; BGC Global Holdings, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership; and BGC Holdings, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership pursuant to which eSpeed will acquire BGC Partners through a merger of BGC Partners with and into eSpeed. For more information, see eSpeed's Report on Form 8-K dated May 29, 2007, and its preliminary proxy statement dated November 6, 2007, as well as its definitive proxy statement when it becomes available.

About BGC

BGC is a leading inter-dealer broker, providing integrated voice and electronic execution and other brokerage services to banks, brokerage houses and investment banks for a broad range of



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