



## **Starmount Life Insurance Company and AlwaysCare Benefits Expanding Headquarters**

**Baton Rouge, LA, June 14, 2006** – Starmount Life Insurance Company announced today its purchase of a 6.4 acre tract of land as it plans a major expansion of its Baton Rouge, LA, headquarters. Construction should begin within the next two to three years. Over the past eight years, the number of employees at Starmount and AlwaysCare Benefits has grown from 21 to 118.

"We continue to see tremendous growth in our sales and will need additional space to maintain the quality customer service our clients rely on," says Erich Sternberg, President, Starmount Life Insurance Company.

The new headquarters will be 30,000 square feet, more than double the current location, with expansion available to 90,000 square feet.

For more information, please visit [www.StarmountLife.com](http://www.StarmountLife.com) or call Suzanne Ducote at 1-888-729-5433 x192.

### **About Starmount Life Insurance Company and AlwaysCare Benefits, Inc.:**

Starmount Life Insurance Company, named 2006 Company of the Year by the Greater Baton Rouge Business Report, and its affiliate, AlwaysCare Benefits, are family-run businesses. Known for reliable service and customer satisfaction, Starmount offers innovative insurance products—like individual life insurance, extra accidental death coverage and living benefits. AlwaysCare Benefits is a leading provider of group dental and vision benefits marketed nationally as AlwaysDental<sup>SM</sup> and AlwaysVision<sup>SM</sup>. AlwaysCare, in partnership with National Guardian Life\* [AM Best A- (Excellent) rating, 2005], markets products in 49 states.

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