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## **Century Aluminum Hosts Employee Benefit in Hawesville**

### **Donations totaling \$90,000 assist employee families with costs of cancer treatment**

HAWESVILLE, KY -- 04/28/12 -- Century Aluminum Company (NASDAQ: CENX) raised \$90,000 during a fundraising event to assist the families of three of its Hawesville, Ky. employees with the costs of cancer treatment. Donations were generated through event participants and a pledge from Century Aluminum. Glencore International, a major customer and shareholder of Century, made a generous donation which represented a meaningful amount of the funds raised.

Nearly 1,000 local community members participated in the April 28 event held at the company's Hawesville smelter. Special guests included Kentucky State Auditor Adam Edelen, Hawesville Mayor Rita Stephens and Hancock County Judge Executive Jack McCaslin, among others. Highlights from the day were food prepared by the Hawesville and Lewisport Lions Clubs, a performance by famed trick shooter Tom Knapp and fundraising raffles for various prizes, including a fishing boat donated by Century.

"I speak on behalf of everyone at Century Aluminum when I say that we are so thankful for the overwhelming support shown by the Hawesville community," said Dave Whitmore, plant manager of the company's Hawesville operations. "Cancer is a devastating disease-physically, emotionally and financially. I believe that our community came together to help alleviate at least one of those burdens for these three families."

Century Aluminum of Kentucky has operated its Hawesville smelter since 2001 and has approximately 750 employees.

Century Aluminum Company owns primary aluminum capacity in the United States and Iceland. Century's corporate offices are located in Monterey, Calif. More information can be found at [www.centuryaluminum.com](http://www.centuryaluminum.com).

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