



Windstream kicks off National Cyber Security Awareness Month

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 15, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (NASDAQ: WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, is recognizing October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) by hosting a series of educational initiatives to inform communities about the dangers of cyber crime.

All month long, Windstream will be encouraging people across the nation to be mindful of cyber security risks by talking to their Internet service providers about ways they can further secure their data and personal information. Windstream will host workshops, publish informative blogs and post to its various social media pages about ways people can secure their digital lives.

Windstream is encouraging its customers to create strong, unique passwords, be aware of the risks of using public Wi-Fi networks, examine social media habits and invest in cybersecurity software, such as a Windstream Shield and Security packages, equipped with identity theft protection and online data backup.

"The cyber security landscape is evolving faster than ever before. Each day, we hear new stories about security breaches and information theft. At Windstream we are committed to ensuring the cyber safety of our customers," said Jeff Small, president of consumer, small and medium-sized business at Windstream. "In this digital age, Windstream is dedicated to providing our customers with the latest technology to manage data effectively. Through products like our SD-WAN service, backed with enhanced security features and state-of-the-art firewall policies, we will continue to help put our customers' minds at ease."

With Windstream's award-winning SD-WAN, a cloud-based, cost-effective tool to increase available Internet access bandwidth, security software can run faster than ever. Windstream's SD-WAN even has advanced security features, with the ability to create customized firewall policies. Additionally, Windstream now offers McAfee Multi Access with all Security Packages. McAfee Multi Access software through Windstream provides antivirus, firewall, anti-phishing, PC optimization, parental controls, and more.

Windstream has committed itself to providing the latest technology to households and businesses to make sure everyone is safe from cybercrime. Adds Small, "Remember, don't click, don't overshare and keep your personal information private."

To get a cyber security plan, visit a Windstream retail location today to speak with a representative. For online tips on how to protect your home or business from cybercrime, visit blog.windstream.com.

About Windstream

Windstream Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: WIN), a FORTUNE 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions. Windstream provides data networking, core transport, security, unified communications and managed services to mid-market, enterprise and wholesale customers across the U.S. The company also offers broadband, entertainment and security services for consumers and small and medium-sized businesses primarily in rural areas in 18 states. Services are delivered over multiple network platforms including a nationwide IP network, our proprietary cloud core architecture and on a local and long-haul fiber network spanning approximately 150,000 miles. Additional information is available at windstream.com or windstreamenterprise.com. Please visit our newsroom at news.windstream.com or follow us on Twitter at [@Windstream](https://twitter.com/Windstream) or [@WindstreamBiz](https://twitter.com/WindstreamBiz).

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