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## Windstream Upgrades Georgia Cable TV Network to Deliver 100 Mbps Internet Speeds

### New upgrades will be available to more than 67,000 households in 8 North Georgia counties

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 19, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, announced today it is upgrading its cable TV network in North Georgia to provide communities with Internet speeds of 100 megabits-per-second (Mbps).

The upgrade effort, which is already underway, will allow more than 67,000 households in communities across eight North Georgia counties to access 100 Mbps. The counties and associated communities include:

- | Towns - Hiawassee and Young Harris;
- | Union - Blairsville;
- | Dawson - Dawsonville;
- | Lumpkin - Dahlonega;
- | White - Cleveland and Helen;
- | Habersham - Clarkesville, Demorest, Cornelia, Mt. Airy, Baldwin and Alto;
- | Banks - Baldwin, Alto and Homer; and
- | Jackson - Commerce, Jefferson, Nicholson and Arcade.

"We are listening closely to the communities we serve in North Georgia and making significant changes to give our customers the experience they deserve," said Jarrod ("J") Berkshire, president of operations for Windstream in Georgia. "We're committed to expanding access to fast, reliable Internet speeds throughout North Georgia, and will continue to make improvements that allow us to do so."

With 100Mbps, North Georgia residents in these communities will be able to:

- | Download a 1 GB HD video in as little as 1 minute, 25 seconds
- | Download a High-Quality Full Length Album in as little as 4 seconds
- | Download 100 Hi-Res Photos in as little as 16 seconds
- | Play games online with less lag
- | Enjoy almost seamless video chatting

In addition to the 100 Mbps speed upgrades that will be completed by mid-2017, Windstream is also expanding fiber-to-the-home in select areas.

Customers are encouraged to visit [www.windstream.com](http://www.windstream.com) for more information, and inquire about eligibility as upgrades are completed throughout the communities.

### About Windstream

Windstream Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:WIN), a FORTUNE 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions for consumers, small businesses, enterprise organizations and carrier partners across the U.S. Windstream offers bundled services, including broadband, security solutions, voice and digital TV to consumers. The company also provides data, cloud solutions, unified communications and managed services to business and enterprise clients. The company supplies core transport solutions on a local and long-haul fiber-optic network spanning approximately 125,000 miles. Additional information is available at [windstream.com](http://windstream.com). Please visit our newsroom at [news.windstream.com](http://news.windstream.com) or follow us on Twitter at [@Windstream](https://twitter.com/Windstream).

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