

## Mental Health Association of North Carolina Protects 400 Users Statewide with the help of AVG and Walling Data

Network Administrator turns to AVG's leading US distributor for workstation security

**Claremont, N.C. – June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008** – Lou Porco has been Network Administrator at the Mental Health Association of North Carolina for several years, managing the technology needs of the organization's central Raleigh, N.C. office as well as the approximately 150 satellite offices across the state.

Given the confidential nature of much of the data stored on the organization's networks, security and privacy are key concerns for Porco. "When I first came on board, the organization was running Norton AntiVirus products. When that became too cumbersome, we switched to Panda software, but neither solution delivered the kind of powerful yet easy-to-manage solution we needed," he said. "For both products, the updating process was cumbersome and the toll on workstation performance was just too much. So we decided to look for an alternative."

With over 400 workstations to protect, Porco wanted a stable anti-virus solution that would offer powerful protection, yet was easy to use for both end users and administrators. After doing some research, he decided that AVG Anti-Virus looked as if it would meet all of his requirements – he was particularly impressed by the positive comments he found about its ease of use as well as its affordability.

"As far as anti-virus software goes, it doesn't matter if it's easy for me to use, it matters if it is easy on my users," Porco said. "It's my job to learn new software, but my users don't need to get involved with what's being used to protect the data on their workstations. AVG was perfect because I knew that my users would barely know it was there."

Once the product decision was made, it was time to scout out a supplier. A quick tour around a few websites led Porco to Walling Data Systems. He was even happier when he found that Walling offered discounts to non-profit organizations for AVG licenses.

"Pricing was a big issue for us," Porco said. "The nonprofit discounts offered by Walling Data were great, and made it much easier for us to justify the purchase and seal the deal quickly."

<u>Walling Data Systems</u> is the country's longest-standing distributor of AVG Technologies' solutions and the company's highest-volume distributor in North America. Walling specializes in the education and nonprofit sectors, and is the only distributor to offer all customers free, unlimited, U.S.-based support as part of their purchase price.



## **Complete Satisfaction**

Porco is completely satisfied with AVG, and loves how easy it is on both IT administration and the users.

"AVG catches everything and it doesn't get in my users' way," Porco said. "Only 40 of my users are in house, the rest are scattered all over the state, so I needed security software that basically runs itself. AVG has proved it can do just that."

Porco likes AVG so much in fact, that he also uses it on his home computer and says he would recommend it to anyone.

"We just renewed our licenses a few weeks ago and upgraded to AVG 8.0 at the same time. The whole process with Walling Data was fast and painless," Porco said. "Just like AVG!"

For more information about AVG for not-for-profit institutions, please visit <u>http://www.avg-antivirus.net</u> or call toll-free (828) 439-7340.

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## **About Walling Data Systems**

Founded in 1994, in North Carolina, Walling Data Systems is a Value-Added Technology Distributor offering innovative high-value solutions to everyday computer security problems for corporate, education, and home technology users. Walling Data was named an Authorized AVG Distributor in 2004 and is the only source for unlimited toll-free phone, "We-Do-It-For-You" remote control support, and more for their AVG customers in the United States and Canada, one reason why thousands of customers have made Walling their supplier of choice for AVG products. More information at <u>http://www.avg-antivirus.net</u>

## About AVG

Founded in 1991 in the Czech Republic, AVG is a leading international developer of Internet threat protection solutions for consumers and SMBs. AVG is one of the fastest growing companies in the industry with more than 70 million active users around the world and offices in Europe and North America. The company employs some of the world's leading experts in Internet security, specifically in the areas of threat research, analysis and detection. AVG's award-winning products are distributed globally through resellers and over the Internet as well as via third parties through Software Developer's Kits (SDK). More information at www.avg.com.

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