



October 17, 2005

Dear Shareholder:

Gannett Co., Inc. (“Gannett” or “Company”) is pleased to announce a **voluntary** program for shareholders owning less than 100 shares of Gannett common stock. Under this program, shareholders owning less than 100 shares may conveniently **(i) sell all their shares and receive the net proceeds or (ii) purchase enough additional shares to increase their holdings to 100 shares or (iii) donate all their shares to ShareGift USA, a share donation charity.**

SELL your shares and receive the proceeds.

If you wish to sell all your shares under this program, simply return your properly completed Acceptance Card and share certificate(s), if any, in the envelope provided.

PURCHASE enough shares to increase your holdings to 100 shares.

If you wish to purchase additional shares, return your properly completed Acceptance Card and enclose a check in the amount indicated on the Acceptance Card below payable to **Wells Fargo Bank, N. A.** in the envelope provided.

DONATE your shares to ShareGift USA.

Should you desire, the Company has made arrangements to enable you to donate your shares to *ShareGift USA*. ShareGift USA is a nonprofit charity qualified by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization that distributes the proceeds from the sale of donated shares to a variety of recognized US charities. If you would like to donate your shares under this program, simply return your properly completed Acceptance Card and Share certificate(s), if any, in the envelope provided. More information on ShareGift USA can be found on the reverse side of the page.

Your authorization to sell, purchase or donate shares must be received in good order no later than December 6, 2005, at which time the program will expire. Those holders who sell or purchase shares for their own account will be charged a nominal program processing fee of **\$1.50** per share sold or purchased with a maximum of **\$60.00** per account. Shareholders that donate their shares to ShareGift USA will not incur a program processing fee. Additional details and terms of the program are explained in the Questions and Answers on the reverse side. Neither Gannett Co., Inc. nor D. F. King & Co., Inc. makes any recommendations as to your participation in the program, nor any endorsement of these charities.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Mayman
 Vice President, Associate
 General Counsel and Secretary
 Gannett Co., Inc.

**If you have any questions regarding the program, please call the Information Agent,
 D.F. King & Co., Inc., toll-free at 1-888-660-7672.**

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ACCEPTANCE CARD FOR GANNETT CO., INC. VOLUNTARY SALE AND PURCHASE PROGRAM

I, the undersigned, owning fewer than 100 shares of Gannett’s common stock, do hereby authorize (1) the sale or purchase of such shares or (2) the donation of my shares to ShareGift USA, as applicable, as indicated below. I agree to the terms of the program described in the letter dated **October 17, 2005** and certify that the Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number (“TIN”) on record is accurate and that I am not subject to backup withholding.

The last 4 digits of your Social Security Number or TIN are indicated next to “TIN” below. If the digits are incorrect or missing, please provide your entire Social Security Number or TIN in the space provided on the reverse side of this card.

Indicate Your Election (Check One Box)

Note: If you sign this Acceptance Card and return it without checking the “Sell”, “Purchase” or “Donate” box, you will be deemed to have instructed us to sell all your Company shares and to send you the net proceeds.

- CHECK ONE:** **A SELL ALL MY GANNETT SHARES**
 B PURCHASE _____ GANNETT SHARES
 To purchase shares, enclose a check drawn on a U.S. bank for _____ made payable to “Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.” (estimated price – see question 2 on reverse side).
 C DONATE ALL MY GANNETT SHARES TO SHAREGIFT USA

SIGN:

 SIGNATURE OF OWNER

 SIGNATURE OF JOINT OWNER (IF ANY)

DATE _____
 TELEPHONE _____

NOTICE FOR HOLDERS WHO ARE SELLING SHARES AND WHO HAVE LOST THEIR CERTIFICATES

Any share certificate not presented along with this signed Acceptance Card will be deemed lost and your signature above will acknowledge that you agree to the terms and conditions and surety fee described in the affidavit on the back of this card.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How do I sell all of my Gannett shares?

Check Box A on the Acceptance Card, and sign and return it along with any certificates you hold in the envelope provided. Please note that you must sign the W-9 certification and provide your Tax Identification Number (TIN) below.

2. How do I purchase additional shares of Gannett?

Check Box B on the Acceptance Card, sign and return it along with a check drawn on a U.S. bank for the purchase deposit as indicated on the Acceptance Card, payable to "Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.", in the envelope provided. The purchase deposit is equal to **\$71.00**, plus the processing fee, multiplied by the difference between the number of total shares you own and 100 shares. **Please note that the purchase deposit is an estimated price. The difference between the actual purchase price and the purchase deposit will either be refunded or billed to you promptly following the processing of your purchase request.** The purchase deposit was established at a price higher than the current market price to minimize the possibility of invoicing purchasers.

3. How do I donate my Gannett shares to ShareGift USA?

Check Box C on the Acceptance Card, and sign and return it along with any certificates you hold in the envelope provided. You will receive a letter of confirmation from ShareGift USA acknowledging your donation. Please note that you must sign the W-9 certification and provide your Tax Identification Number (TIN) below.

About ShareGift USA

ShareGift USA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that makes it easy for Shareholders to donate small holdings of shares to benefit US charities. ShareGift USA collects these shares, aggregates them into tradable blocks, sells them and awards the net proceeds to a variety of charitable and philanthropic organizations. For example, the selected charities focus on education (**Scholarship America**), health (**the American Heart Association**), human services (**Childhelp USA**), public society (**The National Council on the Aging**), and the environment (**The Sierra Club Foundation**). *Gannett makes no endorsement of these charities.* For more information on ShareGift USA, visit www.sharegiftusa.org or call 212-813-9677.

4. If I choose to sell or purchase shares for my own account, what will it cost me to participate in the program?

To cover the cost of providing this program, you will be charged a processing fee of **\$1.50** per share sold or purchased, but in no

event will you be charged more than **\$60.00** per account. Shareholders that donate their shares to ShareGift USA will not incur a program processing fee.

5. What price will I receive if I sell, or what will I pay if I purchase, Gannett shares under this program?

The actual sales or purchase price cannot be guaranteed in advance. Shares submitted for sale will be matched to purchase requests. The balance of shares not matched will be sold or purchased weekly on the open market by a registered broker-dealer. You will receive the weighted average price for all of the shares sold in that week's transactions less any applicable processing fee. If you purchase Gannett shares, you will pay this weighted average price plus the processing fee.

6. What if I lost my certificate(s) and wish to sell my shares or donate my shares to ShareGift USA?

If you have lost your certificate(s), you can still participate in the program. A surety bond premium of three percent (3%) of the sales price of your shares (minimum of **\$20.00**) will be deducted from the proceeds of your sale to replace and sell the shares represented by the lost certificate(s). Please read the Affidavit below. Shareholders that donate their shares to ShareGift USA will not incur a surety bond premium.

7. How do I find the market price of Gannett shares?

Gannett shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "GCI". Closing prices can be found on the internet and in most newspapers under the Company's name.

8. When will I receive my proceeds or new shares or donation confirmation?

Your sale proceeds check with an attached IRS Form 1099B or certificate or your donation confirmation will be mailed approximately twenty business days after your authorization is received in good form.

9. How much time do I have to participate in the program?

The program will expire on **December 6, 2005**, unless extended by the Company. Your completed Acceptance Card and accompanying documents should be returned in the enclosed envelope or mailed to Odd Lot Securities Processing Center, P.O. Box 859208, Braintree, MA 02185-9208. **Your authorization to sell, purchase or donate your shares under the program is irrevocable.**

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SIGN THE FRONT OF THIS CARD

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SHAREHOLDERS WITH LOST CERTIFICATES: Please read the following information. Your signature on the reverse side of this form will indicate your acceptance of the terms of the bond of indemnity herein.

AFFIDAVIT FOR LOST STOCK CERTIFICATE(S):

NOTE: An insurance premium of 3% of the value of the shares (\$20.00 minimum) will be deducted from the proceeds of the sale of your shares. Shares being donated to ShareGift USA will not incur a surety bond premium.

I am the lawful owner of the shares described on the reverse side of this form. I have made a diligent search for the certificate(s) and have been unable to find them, and make this affidavit for the purpose of inducing the liquidation of the certificate(s) without surrender of the certificate(s) and the sale of the shares represented thereby, and hereby agree to surrender the certificate(s) for cancellation should I, at any time, find the certificate(s). The certificate(s) has (have) not been endorsed, cashed, negotiated, transferred, assigned, or otherwise disposed of. I, in consideration of the proceeds of the sale of the shares represented by the certificate(s) agree to indemnify, protect and hold harmless Gannett Co., Inc., Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., D. F. King & Co., Inc., Seaboard Surety Company, and any other party to the transaction (the "Obligees"), from and against all losses, costs and damages, including court costs and attorneys fees, which they may be subject to or liable for in respect to the cancellation and replacement of the certificate(s), the sale and purchase of shares represented thereby, and the distribution of the proceeds of the certificate(s). The rights accruing to the Obligees under the preceding sentences shall not be limited by the negligence, inadvertence, accident, oversight or breach of any duty or obligations on the part of the Obligees or their respective officers, employees and agents or their failure to inquire into, contest, or litigate any claim, whenever such negligence, inadvertence, accident, oversight, breach or failure may occur or have occurred. I agree that this affidavit shall be delivered to accompany a bond of indemnity 381785 underwritten by Seaboard Surety Company to protect the foregoing parties.

W-9 Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that (1) the number I have indicated on this form is my correct U.S. taxpayer identification number (TIN), (2) I am not subject to backup withholding tax either because I have not been notified that I am subject to backup withholding tax as a result of failure to report all interest and dividends, or the Internal Revenue Service has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding tax, and (3) I am a U.S. person. If I am signing this card as a co-owner, I understand that these representations are intended to apply to all co-owners collectively. The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provisions of this document other than the certifications required above to avoid backup withholding.

TIN# _____

SIGNATURE(S) _____

DATE _____

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