

Verizon Wireless collects more than a million phones

Jan. 21 -- Verizon Wireless collected more than a million wireless phones last year through its HopeLine recycling and reuse program.

The Verizon Communications Inc. and Vodafone Group plc joint venture recovered 1.13 million old cell phones in 2008, a 6% increase from 2007. It is the second consecutive year the HopeLine program has collected more than a million phones.

Under the program, Verizon Wireless provided nearly 21,000 wireless phones to U.S. domestic violence agencies in 2008 to distribute to victims.

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