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Since it was founded in 1982, Great Clips has been an innovative leader in what is now the \$55 billion hair care industry. The company that styled the nation through the days of mullets, side ponytails, poofy bangs and lots of hairspray, is now the world's largest salon brand and was recently named part of the Inc. 500/ 5000. Inc. Magazine's annual business awards are designed to spotlight the country's fastest growing companies.

Great Clips ranked 4,597 on its annual ranking of the 5000 fastest growing, private companies in the nation and 229 in the Consumer Products and Services category.

"We are pleased and honored to be recognized in the 2011 Inc. 500/ 5000, and we look forward to continuing to grow as a company and as a brand," said Great Clips Sr. VP of Real Estate and Development.

Great Clips' history of innovation has positioned the company as the category leader and a national icon. The company's innovative practices began when it first opened its doors to customers on day one, unveiling its unique business model providing convenient cuts for less. At the time, all salon services were bundled — wash, cut and dry together for one price. By allowing customers to select only the services they wanted, Great Clips forged its way as a forward-thinking industry leader. The company continues to push the industry forward, this year unveiling an online check-in service. The online service and mobile app allow customers to sign in before they arrive to the salon. They are put in line at the salon of their choice, ensuring an even quicker wait time than if they had waited to check in once they arrived at the salon.

Great Clips has also been widely recognized as a strong philanthropic partner for charities across the country such as Habitat for Humanity and Ronald McDonald House. The company's largest philanthropic partnership is with Children's Miracle Network.

### About Great Clips:

Great Clips, Inc. was established in 1982 in Minneapolis. Today, Great Clips has more than 3,000 salons throughout the United States and Canada, making it the world's largest salon brand. Great Clips salons employ nearly 30,000 stylists who receive ongoing training to learn advanced skills and the latest trends. Make Great Clips your choice for value-priced, high-quality haircare for men, women and children. No appointments needed, and salons are open nights and weekends. And, it's more convenient than ever with Great Clips' Online Check-In. To check-in online, visit [www.greatclips.com](http://www.greatclips.com) or download the app for Android and iPhone.

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