Celebrities back favorite candidates

Corinne Vogl said she first became involved with the Perfect Storm volunteers after Jennifer Aniston, who stars in the film "Believe," announced she would be a volunteer for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

"I love that he's inspired people, that he has the personal touch and that he's got the most amazing family," Vogl said. "I think he's able to play up a folksy way, and he's able to do that because he was born and raised in the Midwest and his family comes from all over the world."

Whether celebrities are giving endorsement to a political candidate, or to anything else, they are bringing attention to a cause.

"It's all these people coming together in one place to support a candidate," said Dan Sem, who worked for the Kerry campaign. "People who are willing to walk out in the cold weather go out and make phone calls and distribute fliers to registered Democrats and Republican voters."

Perfect Storm volunteersAcross Iowa, from the state's southernmost counties to the northern counties near the Canada border, volunteers were present throughout the state. Some were there to canvass neighborhoods for Democrats, while others were helping to get the word out about Kerry at the Democratic caucuses.

Jennifer Aniston, a star of the film "Believe," has made an appearance at several Kerry events, saying she is a supporter of the candidate. She spoke at a rally in Cedar Rapids on Monday.

"She's got a real sense of humor, and she's very intelligent," said Dan Sem, who worked for the Kerry campaign. "She's the perfect celebrity to go out there and talk to people about the issues."