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STATER BROS. RAISES \$501,707 FOR AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA – Stater Bros. is pleased to announce that the Company, its customers and employees recently raised \$501,707 to benefit the American Heart Association.

Since 2002, Stater Bros. has raised over \$2 million for the American Heart Association.

During the month of February 2008, Stater Bros. customers and employees at all 164 Stater Bros. Supermarkets were given an opportunity to donate by purchasing “Have A Heart, Save A Heart” red paper hearts for \$1 and gold paper hearts for \$5. In addition, Stater Bros. and its supplier partner ConAgra Foods made direct contributions to this American Heart Association Campaign.

All of the funds collected go back to the local communities served by Stater Bros. and will be used for research and educational programs that prevent heart disease and stroke.

The check presentation event took place at the Company’s new Corporate Offices in San Bernardino on May 8, 2008. At this event, the Stater Bros. Store Managers from the Top 10 fund-raising stores and the Top 10 fund-raising Stater Bros. Clerks were honored for their outstanding efforts. Also in attendance was college student Vanda Mittal who suffered a massive stroke three years ago at the age of 15. She is now leading a full life and looks forward to helping others with deficits from cardiovascular disease.

Jack H. Brown, Stater Bros. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, “The Stater Bros. ‘Family’ of Employees is extremely proud of the outstanding success of this year’s American Heart Association fund raising campaign. This campaign is an important tradition at our company and not only raises much needed funds but helps to raise awareness of the risk factors for heart disease and stroke.”

About the American Heart Association

Founded in 1924, the American Heart Association today is the nation’s oldest and largest voluntary health organization dedicated to building healthier lives, free of heart disease and stroke. These diseases, America’s No. 1 and No. 3 killers, and all other cardiovascular diseases claim nearly 870,000 lives a year. In fiscal year 2006-07 the association invested more than \$554 million in research, professional and public education, advocacy and community service programs to help all Americans live longer, healthier lives. To learn more, call 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit americanheart.org.

About Stater Bros.

Stater Bros. was founded in 1936 in Yucaipa, California, and has grown steadily through the years to become the largest privately owned Supermarket Chain in Southern California and the largest employer in both San Bernardino County and Riverside County, with annual sales in 2007 of \$3.7 billion. Last year, Stater Bros. contributed over \$15 million in support of nonprofit organizations in the communities it serves, with an emphasis on worthy programs that benefit hunger relief, health and nutrition, and education. The Company currently operates 165 Supermarkets, and there are over 19,000 members of the Stater Bros. “Family” of Employees.

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Stater Bros. President and Chief Operating Officer Jim Lee (right) presents a check from the 2008 Stater Bros. "Have A Heart" In-Store Campaign to Roman Bowser, Executive Vice President of the American Heart Association Western States Affiliate, and Vanda Mittal, an 18 year-old stroke survivor and advocate for the America Heart Association.