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## **STATER BROS. RAISES \$339,537 FOR AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION**

***Companywide campaign has raised nearly \$2.4 million over the last eight years***

**SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA** – Stater Bros. is proud to announce that the Company, its customers, employees and supplier partners recently raised \$339,537 to benefit the American Heart Association. Since 2002, Stater Bros. has raised nearly \$2.4 million for the American Heart Association.

During the month of February 2009, Stater Bros.' customers and employees at all 166 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 partners Campbell's Soup and ConAgra Foods made direct contributions to this American Heart Association Campaign.

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

- A check presentation took place on Thursday, May 14, at the Stater Bros. Supermarket located at 571 East Foothill Boulevard in Rialto, California. The Rialto Stater Bros. Supermarket collected \$11,024, making it the top fund-raising store in the chain.
- At this check presentation, Melissa Mitchell told a remarkable story about herself and her two young children who all wear pacemakers and their constant fight against heart disease.
- The Arrowhead Regional Medical Center mobile health screen van was also available in the parking lot on that day to provide complimentary health screenings for customers.
- The \$339,537 check was presented to Ginnie Gatlin, the American Heart Association's Chief Operating Officer.

Jack H. Brown, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Stater Bros., 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**

The American Heart Association is the largest voluntary health organization fighting heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases in communities across America. These diseases devastate millions of Americans of all ages and cause nearly 950,000 deaths each year. The Association funded \$14.6 million in research in California, Nevada and Utah, as well as public and professional education and community service programs.

### **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 private employer in both San Bernardino County and Riverside County, with annual sales in 2008 of \$3.74 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 166 Supermarkets, and there are over 19,000 members of the Stater Bros. "Family" of Employees.

**STATER BROS. MARKETS...SERVING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FAMILIES FOR OVER 73 YEARS**

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