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Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to Honor  
Howard Stoeckel and Wawa at the 2011 Promise Ball

**BALA CYNWYD, PA**— The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), Eastern Pennsylvania/Delaware Chapter announces Howard Stoeckel and Wawa as the 2011 Honoree for its annual black-tie gala, the Promise Ball, themed “Keeping the Promise.” The Promise Ball will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011.

Mr. Stoeckel has served as President & Chief Executive Officer as well as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Wawa, Inc. since 2005, but has been working for Wawa for more than 20 years. Through the years, Mr. Stoeckel has supported the efforts of dedicated associates for various causes, including, JDRF, for whom Wawa has raised over \$3 million for research. In addition to his philanthropic initiatives through Wawa, Mr. Stoeckel also serves on the boards of various organizations, including, Amerigas Propane Inc., and Rider University.

“As many as 3 million Americans are living with type 1 diabetes currently; that is 3 million Americans at risk for blindness, kidney failure, stroke, heart attack and many more devastating complications. JDRF is the leader in funding type 1 diabetes research and Wawa stands behind its mission to find a cure. I am so proud of the Wawa team and the many associates who give their all to help raise awareness and funds to help find a cure.” said Stoeckel.

Promise Ball co-chairs, Terri Malenfant and Eileen Bookbinder are honored to be working with Mr. Stoeckel and are certain this year’s Promise Ball will be a tremendous success. “We are thrilled to be working with Mr. Stoeckel and his team at Wawa; their professionalism coupled with their desire to give back is what will make this year’s Ball, the most successful to date,” stated Malenfant.

The Promise Ball supports the work of JDRF, whose **mission is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.** Type 1 diabetes is a life threatening disease which primarily strikes children. As many as 3 million Americans may have type 1 diabetes, the most severe form of the disease. Diabetes is an enormous health concern—current government figures report that diabetes costs our nation more than \$132 billion annually. Until a cure is found, those children must face a long list of devastating complications, including blindness, kidney failure, and limb amputation. For information on how to get involved with this year’s event as a sponsor, advertiser, attendee or volunteer, please call 610.664.9255.

### **About Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation:**

JDRF is a leader in setting the agenda for diabetes research worldwide, and is the largest charitable funder and advocate of type 1 research. Type 1 diabetes is a disease which strikes children and adults suddenly and requires multiple injections of insulin daily or a continuous infusion of insulin through a pump. Insulin, however, is not a cure for diabetes, nor does it prevent its eventual and devastating complications which may include kidney failure, blindness, heart disease, stroke, and amputation. As many as 3 million Americans may have Type 1 diabetes, the most severe form of the disease. Diabetes is an enormous health concern—current government figures report that diabetes costs our nation more than \$132 billion annually.

### **About Wawa, Inc.**

Wawa, Inc., a privately held company, began in 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey. Toward the end of the 19th Century, owner George Wood took an interest in dairy farming and the family began a small processing plant in Wawa, Pa, in 1902. The milk business was a huge success, due to its quality, cleanliness and “certified” process. As home delivery of milk declined in the early 1960’s, Grahame Wood, George’s grandson, opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 as an outlet for dairy products. Today, Wawa operates more than 560 stores in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

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