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**Stater Bros. Charities Honors the late Martin A. Match as
2009 Recipient of the Captain Leland F. Norton Award**

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*This award is in conjunction with the 2nd Annual
Stater Bros. Charities Dave Stockton
Heroes Challenge*

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SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA – Stater Bros. Charities is pleased to announce Martin A. Match as the 2009 recipient of the Captain Leland F. Norton Award.

As part of the 2nd Annual Stater Bros. Charities Dave Stockton Heroes Challenge, the Norton Award is given to individuals who serve the communities they live in.

The Stater Bros. Charities Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2009 at 5 p.m. at the Victoria Club in Riverside, California. A major donation will also be given to St. Bernardine's Medical Center in San Bernardino in memory of Martin A. Match by Stater Bros. Charities.

"Not only was Martin a good friend of mine, he was a mentor and taught me the most essential thing – help your community," stated Jack H. Brown, Chairman and CEO of Stater Bros. Markets. "It's people like Martin who make up the fabric of this community, holding it together for the next generation to succeed. The Norton Award has been established to highlight the good works people do that oftentimes go unnoticed."

Martin A. Match became Chief Executive Officer of Match Corporation in 1950, a construction company that his father had founded in 1918. The company was awarded contracts throughout California and the Western portion of the country. Some of the major projects Match oversaw include the Interstate 10/215 interchange, the Rialto flood control channel, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department headquarters, and probably the largest and most prolific project in the company's 90 years, the Stater Bros. Distribution Facility, which is located at the former Norton Air Force Base. In his lifetime he gave to countless charities including his alma mater, Notre Dame, St. Bernardine's Medical Center, and Loma Linda University Children's Hospital to name a few.

The Norton Award is named in honor of Captain Leland F. Norton, a San Bernardino native son who was killed on his 16th combat mission over occupied France.

Captain Norton stayed at the controls of his A-20 aircraft until his crew had all safely bailed out, but by then it was too late for him. For his heroic actions, Captain Norton was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC), the highest Air Force Award.

The new Stater Bros. Corporate Offices and Norton Distribution Center are located in San Bernardino on the site of the former Norton Air Force Base, which was named in honor of Captain Norton in 1950.

About Stater Bros. Charities

Since 1936, Stater Bros. Markets has been a pillar of support in the community. Last year, Stater Bros. established Stater Bros. Charities, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The purpose of Stater Bros. Charities is to give back to the communities Stater Bros. Markets is privileged to serve.

In 2008, Stater Bros. Charities donated \$1.4 million to local causes. With an emphasis on programs that benefit hunger relief, children's welfare, education for both youth and adults, services for the elderly and care for our Nation's Veterans, Stater Bros. Charities will be able to help with some of the most critical needs facing this region.

About Stater Bros. Markets

Stater Bros. Markets 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 2008 of \$3.74 billion. The Company currently operates 166 Supermarkets, and there are over 19,000 members of the Stater Bros. "Family" of Employees.

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