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Stater Bros. Charities Donates \$60,000 to Local Non-Profit Organizations
This donation was part of the 2nd Annual Stater Bros. Charities Dave Stockton Heroes Challenge

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA – Stater Bros. Charities was pleased to kick off its Charity golf tournament by making donations totaling \$60,000 to organizations that will help fulfill the Charities' mission of providing support to the following initiatives: hunger relief; children's health and well-being; education for both youth and adults; and elderly and Veteran's services.

"We created Stater Bros. Charities for this very reason, to help non-profit organizations sustain themselves during these challenging times," stated Jack H. Brown, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Stater Bros. Markets. "Our motto for the weekend was 'Together We Can!', which has already become a reality with the help of our business partners like Pepsi and Frito Lay who were our Presenting Sponsors this weekend."

Donations were made to the following organizations that reflect the ideals of Stater Bros. Charities:

- **C.O.P.S. Southern California Chapter** - an organization dedicated to helping families who have lost a loved one serving our community as a police officer.
- **Victoria Elementary School** - a Redlands Unified school that exemplifies a high standard in education.
- **Happy Trails Children's Foundation** - an Apple Valley organization that offers a safe environment for abused boys to live in and learn how to thrive and heal from their pain.
- **Garden of Angels** - an organization that gives a voice to children who are discarded or left to die
- **Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Scholarship Fund** - an organization that helps the Recipient's children receive assistance for college.

The 2nd **Annual Stater Bros. Charities Dave Stockton Heroes Challenge** was made possible through the help and support of Dave Stockton, Honorary Tournament Chairman and local PGA legend. Several of Stockton's friends flew in to help raise awareness and support for Stater Bros. Charities, including Don Pooley, Gary McCord, John Cook, Hubert Green and Donna Caponi-Byrnes.

During the weekend of events, Brown and Stockton also honored four recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, our Nation's highest award for military heroism. The Medal of Honor recipients included Harvey C. Barnum, Jr., Ronald E. Ray, James A. Taylor, and Robert J. Modrzejewski, who also spoke to Arlington High School students in Riverside on Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

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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