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24 CARROT AWARD WINNERS SET “GOLD” STANDARD

Twelve County Eateries Rewarded for Outstanding Food Safety, Stewardship in 2010

St. Charles County, Missouri – For the fourth consecutive year, the St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment recognizes local food service establishments for raising the industry standard. This month, the **24 Carrot Gold Food Safety Excellence Awards** were presented to 12 local eateries that demonstrated excellence in food safety and sanitation, as well as successful employee education.

“Excellence in food safety is the norm in St. Charles County,” said Pieter Sheehan, director of the Division of Environmental Health and Protection. “One thing the 24 Carrot Gold Awards plainly show is that our County’s many food establishments — whether they serve our children, those in need, or the community as a whole — place a high commodity on food safety. Every food service facility under our jurisdiction meets food safety requirements, but our award winners are commended for their efforts to exceed the standard.”

The following is a list of those local eateries designated as **24 Carrot Gold Food Safety Excellence Award** winners for 2010:

- **BUFFALO WILD WINGS** – 1285 W. Pearce, Wentzville
- **CULVERS** – 1989 Wentzville Pkwy., Wentzville
- **EL AGAVE MEXICAN RESTAURANT** – 3823 Elm St., St. Charles
- **GREEN TREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** – 1000 S. Fox Hound Dr., Lake Saint Louis
- **PENN STATION EAST COAST SUBS** – 1932 Zumbuhl Rd., St. Charles
- **PIZZA HUT** – 38 O’Fallon Square, O’Fallon
- **RISE AND DINE RESTAURANT** – 1814 Wentzville Pkwy., Wentzville
- **SCHNUCKS (Dardenne Crossing)** – 3029 Highway K, O’Fallon
- **T. ARCOBASSOS** – 1057 Wolfrum Rd., Weldon Spring
- **THE SALVATION ARMY** – 2140 N. Fourth St., St. Charles
- **TONY’S ON MAIN STREET** – 132 N. Main St., St. Charles
- **TWIN CHIMNEYS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** – 7396 Twin Chimneys Blvd., O’Fallon

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To be eligible for consideration, recipients of the 24 Carrot Gold Awards cannot have any critical violations in the last 12 months, and no more than six non-critical violations over the same time period. In addition, at least 90 percent of the food facility managers at the establishment must possess valid food safety certification. The facility must also have a valid St. Charles County Food Establishment Permit and be in good standing with the department.

These organizations' outstanding commitment to go beyond safe food services and enhance our community is illustrated in many ways. For example, ***Buffalo Wild Wings*** regularly provides schools with gift coupons that reward student achievement and exemplifies environmental stewardship by reducing the amount of paper products used in its service. Another highlight is ***The Salvation Army*** kitchen, which serves approximately 24,000 meals to those in need throughout the year. Also, ***Schnucks*** is recognized for donating food supplies several times a week to Operation Food Search.

“As you're out and about this holiday season, we hope you'll help us in recognizing the many food service institutions that strive to improve our community's health and well-being,” Sheehan noted.

Throughout the year, members of the Division of Environmental Public Health and Protection work with area businesses and organizations to promote healthy conditions in our community. To learn more ways the division helps to ensure public safety, please call 636-949-1800 or visit www.scchealth.org.

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