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THORNTONS RAISES \$10,000 FOR MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION®

Louisville, KY, July 7, 2011 – Thorntons is proud to announce they have raised over \$10,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, Kentucky Region. During the month of May, all Thorntons store locations sold Wish Stars for \$1, with 100% of the proceeds going back to the foundation. This is the fifth year Thorntons has partnered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation®, and since 2008, Thorntons has raised over \$50,000 for the foundation.

“We are very proud to partner with such a great organization as the Make-A-Wish Foundation.” Said Matt Thornton, President and Chief Executive Officer of Thorntons. “We have seen an overwhelmingly positive response from our customers in regards to this program, and we are thrilled to serve as a vehicle for our customers to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation.”

“We are so grateful for the support we have received from Thorntons and their customers,” shared Susan McConnell, Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana President and Chief Executive Officer. “A child’s wish come true strengthens communities and impacts everyone involved. Since 2008, their generous customers have rallied around our mission and have enabled us to bring joy to so many seriously-ill children and their families.”

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Founded in 1983, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana chapter is the largest of the 64 Make-A-Wish® chapters in the country in both territory and wishes granted. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, Kentucky Region has fulfilled the individual wishes of 852 local children since it was founded in 2001. Currently, we have more than 225 pending wishes. For more information, please visit www.makeawishky.org.

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