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6th Annual Taste of Hudson Scheduled for this Labor Day Weekend

March 15, 2010 – Hudson, Ohio –The 6th Annual Taste of Hudson will be held once again this year, on Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 5 and Monday, September 6. The festival will present perennial Taste of Hudson favorites such as over 20 restaurant tents offering delicious selections from their restaurant menus, a wide variety of live entertainment, family and children exhibits and activities, dozens of exhibitors and the very popular wine & beer garden. As one of the most popular and largest festivals in NE Ohio, Taste of Hudson takes place throughout the City of Hudson historic downtown district.

Akron Children's Hospital, Summa Health System and ACME Fresh Market will once again be co-presenting sponsors along with co-promoting sponsors Windstream Communications and Laurel Lake Retirement Community, announced Andy Malitz, Executive Director for the Taste of Hudson. "We are very grateful that these excellent institutions continue to partner with Taste of Hudson to present this great festival. The commitment of our sponsors reflects the success of this event, which is now established as a major regional draw to our community proving that Hudson is indeed a destination location!" Malitz said. Additionally, Windstream Communications, Laurel Lake Retirement Community, Little Tikes, Pepsi and First & Main shopping district return as sponsors of The Taste once again. Malitz noted there are also other sponsorship opportunities available for companies and organizations of any size for the 2010 festival.

"Taste of Hudson has become one of the finest community events in our serving area, raising \$135,000 for a variety of local charities, including the event's primary beneficiary, the Safe Kids Coalition of Summit County, Malitz said. "As important, the event draws over 30,000 people into our beautiful downtown area, showcasing the many fine shops and restaurants that Hudson has to offer. We truly believe that this event does a lot to boost awareness of Hudson as a shopping and dining destination," Malitz said.

This year's event is slated to be bigger than ever, according to Jan Gusich, president of Akhia Public Relations who has served as a board member since the inaugural event. "We anticipate more than 20 best-in-the-area restaurants and more than 80 entertainment acts on seven stages throughout the two-day event. We are also expanding the wine and beer garden to meet attendee expectations", she said.

The event's preview party, Hail to the Chefs, which features the chefs who will be part of Taste of Hudson, is also being planned and will be held on Saturday, June 5, according to event chairwoman Carrie Gynn. "We encourage everyone to save the date on their calendars as this event, held at the Hudson Library & Historical Society, is quickly becoming the town's premier annual social event," Gynn said.

Taste of Hudson is planned by its organizing committee, directed by Malitz, under the auspices of the Taste of Hudson, Inc's. Board of Directors.

All Hudson restaurants are invited to participate in Taste of Hudson. "This is an excellent opportunity to showcase food selections to thousands of people from not only Hudson and its surrounding communities but also, as the festival continues to grow, from throughout the entire region and beyond." Malitz said. For more information on all Taste of Hudson activities and opportunities visit www.tasteofhudson.com.

Taste of Hudson is organized by volunteers within the community in order to promote the Hudson downtown restaurant and retail district, and to showcase the community of Hudson. Funds from the event support The Safe Kids Coalition of Summit County and several Hudson-based agencies and programs. For sponsor and exhibitor information contact Andy Malitz, Executive Director @ amalitz2@yahoo.com or Deb Sherman, Associate Director @ debra@debrasherman.com. For restaurant information contact Carrie Gynn at viaosu@roadrunner.com. Artists, entertainers, advertisers and volunteer information is available at www.tasteofhudson.com.