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7th Annual Taste of Hudson Teams up with Hudson Farmers Market for Labor Day Weekend

May 6, 2011 – Hudson, Ohio – The 7th Annual Taste of Hudson scheduled for Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 4 and Monday, September 5, has teamed up with Hudson Farmers Market to create an extended Farmers Market presence throughout Labor Day weekend. Both organizations, projects of the Rotary Club of Hudson Clocktower and its Leadership Hudson curriculum, are very proud to announce this unique arrangement.

Taste of Hudson Executive Director, Andy Malitz, announced "After a couple of years of discussing how to do this, Taste of Hudson is excited to have the Hudson Farmers Market as part of Hudson's premier event. This alignment is great for all involved as it further extends the breadth and variety of Taste of Hudson attractions that have made the festival one of Ohio's finest. It also gives Taste of Hudson attendees, many of whom visit from throughout Northeast Ohio and beyond, another "taste" of what other great events take place in Hudson. For the vendors of the Farmers Market, being a part of Taste of Hudson gives them the opportunity to market their produce and products and the weekly Farmers Market to the many thousands of attendees".

Jay Schulman, President of the Hudson Farmers Market remarked, "Approximately 8-10 vendors from the Hudson Farmers Market will participate in the Taste of Hudson festival which runs Noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday. This will allow Taste of Hudson to expand its variety of attractions for which it has become known, while the Hudson Farmers Market hopes to gain greater awareness for its vendors and market. Together, these two well received events hope to further promote the actuality that Hudson is indeed a destination location. The Hudson Farmers Market is excited about partnering with TOH because it provides our vendors an opportunity to reach even more people and we feel we could help enhance an already very popular event within our community."

Only vendors participating in this year's Hudson Farmers Market are eligible to participate in Taste of Hudson. Hudson Farmers Market vendors which have agreed to participate in Taste of Hudson thus far include: Blue Jaye Farm, Edgesmiths LLC., Beyond Brownies, Bluebird Meadows Farm, Posh Pierogies, Sunrise Farm, Weaver Truck Patch, Crooked River Herb and True Yang. Additionally, the Hudson Farmers Market will be open Saturday, September 3, from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more information about the event or becoming a vendor at the Hudson Farmers Market, please contact J. Hudson at judson@hudsonfarmersmarket.org or 330-476-9436.

Taste of Hudson, co-presented by Akron Children's Hospital and Akron General, is one of Ohio's finest

two-day lifestyle festivals featuring over twenty restaurants, eight stages with over 100 live performances, a wine and beer garden, a luxury automobile show, over fifty exhibitor tents, children's and family activities and a fine art fair. Other major sponsors include co-promoters Laurel Lake Retirement Community, Windstream Communications and ACME Fresh Market, In-Association With sponsors North End, Jo-Ann Fabric & Craft Stores, Pepsi, Little Tikes along with other noted sponsors PNC Bank, Henning Software, UBS, Carriage Group, First & Main, Diamond Auto Sales & Lease, Merrill Lynch and Sprint.

"Taste of Hudson is a not-for-profit organization so far raising \$175,000 for a variety of local charities, including the festival's primary beneficiary, the Safe Kids Coalition of Summit County," Malitz said. "To support the festival's charity fundraising, The Taste of Hudson attracts over 35,000 people into our beautiful downtown area, showcasing the many fine shops and restaurants that Hudson has to offer. This festival does a lot to boost awareness of Hudson as a shopping and dining destination," Malitz said. "Our sponsors and other participants are the real reason we can continue to expand our attractions every year at the festival".

Taste of Hudson and Hail to the Chefs are events produced by Taste of Hudson, Inc. a non-profit corporation organized by volunteers within the community in order to promote the Hudson downtown restaurant and retail district and to showcase the Hudson community. 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 Debra Sherman, Associate Director @ debra@debrasherman.com. For restaurant information contact Lisa Sands at lisa.a.sands@gmail.com. Artists, entertainers, advertisers and volunteer information is available at www.tasteofhudson.com.