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Husband and Wife Team Selected for Red Cross 2010 Humanitarian of the Year Honor

October 27, 2009 – Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein have been chosen to receive the 2010 American Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year award; an honor bestowed upon those whose efforts to prevent suffering and protect life and health have improved lives in greater Columbus and beyond.

As one of the nations most distinguished families in philanthropy, Jay and Jeanie are well-known for their generosity to numerous local, national and international projects. Concerned about the quality of life for all, Jay has a deep commitment to health and education issues having served as a director of the Arthur James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, Chairman of the Board of Yeshiva College and Columbus Torah Academy and Chairman of the Mesorah Heritage Foundation. At the forefront of Jeanie’s community involvement is a strong commitment to issues relating to women’s health, education and awareness of domestic violence. Her efforts led to the creation of the “Women’s Health Initiative” at The Ohio State University where she is also a director of the OSU Foundation Board and serves on the Interfaith Council of the Coalition Against Family Violence.

Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein join an outstanding roster of individuals who, according to American Red Cross of Greater Columbus CEO Michael Carroll, “prove that you don’t have to look beyond our own communities to find great humanitarians.”

Past honorees include:

1997	Dimon R. McFerson	2003	Alex Shumate
1998	John G. and Jeanne McCoy	2004	Teckie Shackelford
1999	Frank Wobst	2005	Robert J. Weiler, Sr.
2000	John H. McConnell	2006	Nancy Jeffrey
2001	Reverend Leon Troy, Sr.	2007	Ron and Ann Pizzuti
2002	Loann W. Crane	2008	Carl F. Kohrt
		2009	Ingram Family

In its 14th year, the Humanitarian of the Year award will be presented during a luncheon program on April 27, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. Lead sponsors include White Castle and Nationwide Insurance. Additional sponsorship opportunities and individual reservations are available. Call 614.253.2740 ext. 2427 or email Stephenie Robertson at RobertsonSt@usa.redcross.org for more information.

The Humanitarian of the Year luncheon honors an outstanding community representative and provides more than 600 business and community leaders with an entertaining and educational opportunity to become better acquainted with the work of the Red Cross. Proceeds from individual and table sales, as well as corporate sponsorships, help the Red Cross fulfill its mission.

The American Red Cross of Greater Columbus is dedicated to helping make families and communities safer at home and around the world. Sustained by more than 1,000 volunteers, the Red Cross provides assistance to more than 500 families each year after home fires and other disasters strike. Last year the organization trained and educated more than 110,000 area residents in vital lifesaving skills like first aid, CPR and how to prepare for emergencies. The Red Cross also sent nearly 500 emergency messages between members of the military and their families. The community transportation program provides rides to medical appointments for seniors and individuals with disabilities, logging nearly 19,000 trips last year. All these programs and more are made possible by the donations of time and money from the greater Columbus community. Michael Carroll is the CEO of the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus and Mary Navarro serves as the board chair.

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