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Media Advisory

Bob Evans Farms and Nationwide Children's Hospital Partner to Improve Pediatric Diabetes Care

Bob Evans Farms, Inc. is proud to announce a partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital to fund the **Bob Evans Family Clinical Diabetes Pediatric Research Fund**. Bob Evans Farms, Inc. is making a \$250,000 multi-year gift to support innovative pediatric diabetes care and to help provide the highest quality health care, advocacy, research and education possible for pediatric diabetes patients.

The **Bob Evans Fund** will facilitate world-class researchers and medical scientists in their goals to create innovative pediatric diabetes care. The Endocrinology, Metabolism and Diabetes department at Nationwide Children's Hospital, led by David Repaske, MD, PhD, provides compassionate care and comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services to children with diabetes throughout central Ohio. With Bob Evans' gift, Dr. Repaske and his team will be able to fund research and studies that will improve the care of adolescents with Type 1 diabetes, which affects about 1 in 400 children.

"We are pleased to support the important work of Dr. Repaske and his team with this gift. They are making incredible strides to improve the care and quality of life for the many children touched by Type 1 diabetes – and their families," says Steven A. Davis, chairman & CEO of Bob Evans Farms.

Children with diabetes require years of visits to doctors to manage their condition; Bob Evans seeks to help those children spend less time in the hospital, and more time enjoying their childhood. The gift will help fund medical findings in the field of pediatric diabetes that will improve well-being for children living with chronic diabetes.

"This gift will allow us to initiate several innovative studies that aim to make the lives of children and adolescents with diabetes as normal as possible. We will target both the improved control of diabetes in individual patients as well as the improved approach to the care of diabetes in adolescents. What we learn will not only directly benefit the patients of Nationwide Children's, but will ultimately be applicable to all young people with Type 1 diabetes," said Dr. Repaske.

The partnership between Bob Evans Farms, Inc. and Nationwide Children's has one goal – to improve the lives of children with pediatric diabetes across the country and around the world. Each year, Bob Evans Farms supports corporate philanthropic initiatives that touch children and families in the areas of food, nutrition, health and wellness, and education.

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About Bob Evans Farms, Inc.

Bob Evans Farms, Inc. owns and operates full-service restaurants under the Bob Evans and Mimi's Café brand names. At the end of the second fiscal quarter (October 28, 2011), Bob Evans owned and operated 564 family restaurants in 18 states, primarily in the Midwest, mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions of the United States, while Mimi's Café owned and operated 145 casual restaurants located in 24 states, primarily in California and other western states. Bob Evans Farms, Inc. is also a leading producer and distributor of pork sausage and a variety of complementary convenience food items under the Bob Evans and Owens brand names. For more information about Bob Evans Farms, Inc., visit www.bobevans.com.