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March of Dimes announces 2011 Service to Humanity Recipients

(PHILADELPHIA, PA- February 7, 2011) -- The March of Dimes announces the 2011 Service to Humanity Awards Recipients. The Honorees are Joseph M. Casey, General Manager of SEPTA; Robert C. Wonderling, President & CEO of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and Ryan N. Boyer, Business Manager of the Laborer's District Council of Philadelphia and Vicinity. The 2011 Project of the year is the Pennsylvania Convention Center Expansion Project. There will be a reception on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at Dilworth Paxson LLP..

The 2011 Service to Humanity Award Honorees will also be recognized at the Eighteenth Annual March of Dimes Transportation, Building & Construction Awards Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The reception will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon will be at 12:30 p.m. The award ceremony is one of the area's largest events for the industry, drawing more than 850 attendees while raising money for the March of Dimes.

Premature birth touches half a million babies and their families every year, including nearly 17,000 in Pennsylvania. Babies born too soon are more likely to die or have disabilities. Nationally, more than 120,000 babies are born with serious birth defects that can mean a lifetime of disability. Babies born healthy need champions, too, to ensure they have access to newborn screening and preventive health care. The March of Dimes is there for all babies.

Funds raised by the Transportation, Building and Construction Awards help support prenatal wellness programs, research grants, neonatal intensive care units (NICU), family support programs and advocacy efforts for stronger, healthier babies.

The presenting sponsor of this year's Transportation, Building & Construction Luncheon is A.P. Construction, Inc. Additional Sponsors include: At the Networking Level, Jacobs. At the Platinum level: AECOM; Archer & Greiner; Farmers Insurance Group and Michael Baker Corporation. Gold-level sponsors include: Burns Engineering; Dilworth Paxson, LLP; Gannett Fleming, Inc; HNTB; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.; LIUNA Mid-Atlantic; Pennoni Associates, Inc; Urban Engineers, Inc; and Wells Fargo Insurance Services. Silver-level sponsors include: A.D. Marble & Co; Arora Engineers; Brandywine Realty Trust; Hill International, Inc; Hunter Roberts Construction Group; Independence Blue Cross Blue Shield; James J. Anderson Construction; K.S. Engineers, Inc; LIUNA Phila. & Vic.; Local Laborers 57; Parsons Brinkerhoff; Pickering, Cortis and Summerson; Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young LLP.; STV, Inc.; SYSTRA Consulting; The Graham Company; The Sheward Partnership, LLP; Turner Construction.

To make reservations or for additional information, visit the March of Dimes web site at www.marchofdimes.com/pennsylvania or contact Alexis Dowhie Moyer at 610-945-6050 or amoyer@marchofdimes.com

About the March of Dimes

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. With chapters nationwide and its premier event March for Babies, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. For the latest resources and information, visit marchofdimes.com. To view the website in Spanish, please visit nacersano.org.

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