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October 12 Is 4th Annual PJs & Eggs:

Hickman's Family Farms and Breakfast Restaurants Partner to Benefit Foster Children

Arizona (September 28, 2012) -- Hickman's Family Farms has partnered with some of the most favorite breakfast restaurants in the Valley and around the state to celebrate the fourth annual **PJs & Eggs** on Friday, October 12, 2012. The "breakfast for dinner event" will begin at 5:00 p.m. to benefit Arizona's Children Association (AzCA) foster care programs statewide. (For a list of participating restaurants and more information on the event partners, visit www.pjsandeggsaz.com.)

Customers who have breakfast for dinner at each participating restaurant on October 12 are invited to wear their pajamas and asked to bring a new pair (any size for kids ages newborn to 18) to be donated to children in the AzCA's foster care programs. In return, each customer will receive a certificate for a free dozen Hickman's eggs. Participating restaurants will donate a portion of the proceeds from the evening to AzCA as well.

The current list of participating venues includes: Kiss the Cook (Glendale); Over Easy (Phoenix); Scramble (North Phoenix); Chicken Noodle Café (Wickenburg); Sue Ann's Apple Pan (Prescott); Super Farm (Mesa); Millstone Café (Buckeye); Vida E Caffè (Globe), Liberty Market (Gilbert), and Garden Café (Yuma). Red's Bar & Grill at the Wigwam (Litchfield Park) will hold a "Hangover Breakfast Party" on Saturday morning, October 13. Schnepf Farms in Queen Creek will be supporting the event in November on a date to be announced soon.

"The event is in its fourth year with continued support from many of the locations that have participated since the beginning," says Sharman Hickman of Hickman's Family Farms. "**PJs & Eggs** offers a unique opportunity to share in a event that is fun and extremely useful. It's hands-on help for our local communities' kids in foster care. Participants know that whatever donations they make go directly to local children in need. Our goal this year is 2,012 pairs of pajamas since it's currently 2012. Next year we'll go for 2,013."

AzCA's adoption and foster care programs, offered in most areas of the state, are vital resources for matching children in need with safe and loving families. There are nearly 11,000 children in Arizona's foster care system ranging from in age from newborn to 18 years old. "Most children come into foster care with little more than the clothes on their backs," remarks AzCA's CEO Michael Coughlin. "Budget cuts have impacted the ability of many agencies to fulfill the needs of these children, so we are grateful for the boost that PJs & Eggs gives our kids in foster care. The simple gesture of receiving a new pair of pajamas sends a very powerful signal to a child who is most likely feeling uprooted and apprehensive. Being given something new of his or her own says, 'You matter, and things will get better.'"

For additional information about PJs & Eggs, visit www.pjsandeggsaz.com. For more information about AzCA, including fostering and adoption, visit www.arizonaschildren.org.

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