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**5th Annual PJs & Eggs:
Hickman's Family Farms and Breakfast Restaurants
Partner to Benefit Foster Children**

Hickman's Family Farms will partner with some of the most favorite breakfast restaurants in the Valley and around the state to celebrate the fifth annual **PJs & Eggs** on Friday, October 11, 2013. The date also happens to be World Egg Day.

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 11 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 are also invited to donate a portion of the proceeds from the evening to AzCA as well.

Pajama collection will continue at participating locations through the night of the event. Donations received after October 11 will be forwarded to AzCA. "**PJs & Eggs** is in its fifth year with continued support from many of the locations that have participated since the beginning," says Sharman Hickman of Hickman's Family Farms. "It 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. With almost 15,000 kids in foster care right now, new pajamas are a really big deal for a lot of our community members. October 11 is also World Egg Day, so we are having a double celebration."

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. A recent report shows that we are approaching 15,000 children in Arizona's foster care system ranging from in age from newborn to 18 years old. "Every day in Arizona more than two dozen children enter foster care and they often have little more than the clothes on their backs. In these situations, sometimes it's the 'little things' like a new pair of pajamas meant just for them that can make a big difference to a child in a confusing and scary situation," said Denise Ensdorff, president and CEO of Arizona's Children Association. "We are so thankful to the Hickman family for their commitment to Arizona's children. Our goals are the same: ensuring that all children wake up each day feeling safe and knowing that there is someone there who cares about you."

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