TABLE TO TABLE IS NAMED A TOP TEN FINALIST FOR A MARKHAM VINEYEARDS’ “MARK OF DISTINCTION” GRANT

Only New Jersey-based Charity to be in the Running for $25,000 Grant Prize

Englewood Cliffs, NJ (July 2008) – Proud New Jerseyans have until July 21, 2008 to log on and cast a vote in Markham Vineyards’ “Mark of Distinction” grant program, which recently named Table to Table the only charitable organization in New Jersey to be included among its top ten finalists. Voters can log on at www.markhammarkofdistinction.com and cast their vote for Table to Table, northeast New Jersey’s only food rescue program.

Tireless volunteer and Table to Table board member Chuck Russo, owner of Carlo Russo’s Wine & Spirit World in Ho Ho Kus, entered Table to Table in the “Mark of Distinction” grants program. Russo’s grant appeal cited record high food prices, coupled with rising fuel costs – “the lifeblood of our organization” – to draw a compelling picture of Table to Table’s food rescue mission. Two winners will be chosen to receive $25,000 grants.

“Table to Table has become one of the most essential services in our communities,” says Claire Insalata Poulos, founder of the food rescue organization. “If awarded, this prize will further our mission to collect prepared and perishable food that would otherwise be discarded and deliver it, free of charge, to organizations that serve the hungry in Bergen, Hudson, Passaic and Essex counties. This year, we will deliver enough food to serve more than 5.5 million meals.”

Table to Table is the only program of its kind in northeast New Jersey. Every day, the hunger relief agency collects fully cooked entrees, fresh produce and meats, dairy products and other perishables that would normally be discarded, and safely delivers them to soup kitchens, homeless shelters and other social service agencies in Bergen, Passaic, Essex and Hudson counties.

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