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SUBJECT: J. P. MASCARO & SONS COMMITS ADDITIONAL \$2.5 MILLION TO

COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

Several years ago, J. P. Mascaro & Sons launched its company-developed RESPECT Program and committed \$1.25 million to community educational initiatives. In furtherance of that commitment, company Director of Education and Community Relations, Lindsay Mascaro-Ptaszenski, announced today that over the next five years Mascaro will allocate an additional \$2.5 million for community education programs and activities, including a continuation and improvement of the RESPECT Program.

Ms. Mascaro-Ptaszenski said, "I have headed our company's Community Education Department for the last three years and I am proud of our efforts and accomplishments thus far, but I am more excited about what we will be able to do in the

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future to enhance our company's already substantial commitment to community education."

The foundation of the company's community education efforts is the Mascaro RESPECT Program, which is a fun-filled interactive program presented thus far to more than 125,000 children in area elementary schools. That program is designed to remind children of the importance of respect in their lives, including respect for the environment and preservation. The company's efforts also include individual student scholarships, substantial annual educational grants to numerous schools for new developmental programs and activities, and other educational programs.

As stated by company President, Pat Mascaro, "Education at all levels is an essential component of a modern, progressive society, and it involves both the private and public sectors. Even in these difficult economic times, where extra dollars are not easily found, our family and company remain totally dedicated to the community educational initiatives we have implemented and advanced. Educational programs and activities have been and will continue to be a large part of Mascaro's commitment to the communities it serves."

For more information about J. P. Mascaro & Sons, its services and facilities, and its community educational initiatives, please visit the company website at www.ipmascaro.com, or contact Lindsay Mascaro- Ptaszenski at 484-398-6500.