## got breakfast?® Foundation Announces Advisory Board

**Woodbury, NY, March 8, 2010** – Today the *got breakfast?*® Foundation annouced its newlyformed Advisory Board that will provide guidance to the foundation for future resources, projects and funding options. The prestigious 14-member board of school foodservice directors and other industry experts will have their first meeting this week on March 10.

"What better way to kick off National School Breakfast Week than with the announcement of this team of professionals who are dedicated to raising awareness about the benefits of the School Breakfast Program and other Child Nutrition Programs?" says Sonya Kaster, R.D., L.D.N., S.N.S., Grant Administrator for the *got breakfast?* Foundation. "We hope to expand our school breakfast message to stress the importance of classroom and alternate site breakfasts as one answer to feeding hungry children *and* fighting childhood obesity."

The 2010 got breakfast? Advisory Board members are:

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Established in 2006, the got breakfast? Foundation's mission is to ensure that

every child, regardless of background, starts the school day with a nutritious breakfast in order to

learn, grow and develop to his or her fullest potential. By bringing together the public, private and non-profit sectors, *got breakfast?* will educate communities across the country on the lifelong benefits of eating nutritious meals and help children lead healthy and strong lives.

Last month, the *got breakfast?* Foundation awarded eight school districts with Silent Hero Grants to implement classroom breakfast programs as a way to increase participation in the School Breakfast Program. According to the Food Research and Action Center's *School Breakfast Scorecard* for 2008-2009, districts using breakfast in the classrom have the highest participation rates.

The Silent Hero Grant Program was created to encourage schools and non-profit organizations to expand the reach of underutilized child nutrition programs, including the School Breakfast Program and Summer Nutrition Programs.

For information about the *got breakfast?* Advisory Board or the Silent Hero Grant Program contact <u>info@gotbreakfast.org</u> or visit the <u>www.gotbreakfast.org</u> website.

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