

## **Local Executive Earns Progressive Grocer Top Women in Grocery Award**

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Defiance, OH—June 17: America's leading supermarket industry publication has named Chief Super Market, Inc., President and Chief Executive Officer Stephanie Skylar, one of the 2009, Top Women in Grocery.

Progressive Grocer magazine, sponsor of the award, recognizes the women who are helping initiate change in the grocery industry. Those executives selected have demonstrated outstanding leadership, wielding influence in their companies and in the industry at large, as well as being deeply involved in the communities they serve and in philanthropic activities.

"I am impressed with Stephanie's knowledge of the grocery business, as well as her progressive nature, insight and determination for the advancement of her company," stated Tom Jackson, President & CEO, Ohio Grocers Association. "She has the ability to bring people together to work collectively toward a common goal. What's more, she has the insight and intellect to lead her management team and their 13-store company in the right direction – one that is meaningful and appropriate with respect to technology and to meeting the needs of today's consumer."

Ms. Skylar, with Chief since 1996, was named President and CEO in 2007. Since taking the post, she has spearheaded a number of initiatives to help company associates gain the education and training needed for promotion to higher-level jobs, establishing Chief University to accomplish this goal. She has also served as a member of the Ohio Grocers Foundation Board of Directors, helping raise money for scholarships for deserving high school students. She organized Chief Good Neighbor Day, where Chief donated over \$35,000 to local food pantries this year.

"Stephanie continues to utilize her significant talents to lead Chief to new heights. She is passionate about people and training, which is evident in the newly devised Chief University, our new customized training resource", stated Eric Hench, chairman of the board, Chief Super Market, Inc. "In an industry dominated by men, Stephanie has earned this recognition as an executive leader."

Ms. Skylar has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tulane University, a Masters of Business & Organizational Leadership from Defiance College and is scheduled to complete her MBA program in 2010, also from Defiance College.

### **About Chief Supermarkets**

Chief Super Market, Inc. is a family-owned, regional supermarket chain. The company operates thirteen stores under the Chief and Rays banners in ten communities in northwest and west central Ohio.

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