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Stanley Panasewicz, CMA, Receives American Diabetes Association's Distinguished Service Award

— *Stanley Panasewicz Presented with the Charles Kopke Medal for Distinguished Service* —

Alexandria, VA (November 20, 2006) – The American Diabetes Association (ADA), the nation's leading voluntary health organization in the fight against diabetes, announced today that ADA Secretary/Treasurer Stanley Panasewicz, CMA, of Montgomery Township, New Jersey, received the Association's prestigious Charles Kopke Medal for Distinguished Service at the organization's Community Volunteer Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting on November 18, in Dallas, Texas.

The Charles Kopke Medal for Distinguished Service recognizes meritorious service on behalf of the Association and Americans with diabetes, and is awarded to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of the American Diabetes Association upon leaving office. The award is named for Charles Kopke, a past member of the board, longtime volunteer and donor, and recipient of the Association's Addison B. Scoville Award, Charles H. Best Medal, and Wendall Mayes, Jr. Medal.

"On behalf of the American Diabetes Association, we are delighted to present this prestigious award to Stan Panasewicz," commented Larry Deeb, MD, President, Medicine & Science, American Diabetes Association. "His dedication to diabetes directly support ADA's mission to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people living with diabetes."

With an MBA in accounting, and a wealth of financial knowledge gained through broad experiences over 29 years within Johnson & Johnson, Panasewicz has been an invaluable leader helping to strengthen the Association into a more business focused organization. He guided the streamlining of nationwide banking and investments, the consolidation of 12 separate ADA financial systems into one system, led the implementation of an investment policy and advisory structure that has netted more than \$700,000 in incremental revenue. He has also helped the ADA grow into becoming one of the five largest non-profits in the country with revenues now in excess of \$200 million.

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In addition, Panasewicz has served as Secretary/Treasurer of the ADA Research Foundation Board for three years and continues to work closely with the Research Foundation to procure major gifts. He has been a dedicated volunteer for more than 20 years, serving as the Eastern Region's first Chair of the Board in 1998. Panasewicz has chaired the "Driving Fore the Cure" golf tournament for 19 consecutive years, which has raised nearly \$2 million for the fight against diabetes.

A resident of Montgomery Township, New Jersey, Panasewicz and his wife Donna have two daughters, Lauren and Brianna. Panasewicz is a two-time recipient of Johnson & Johnson's Volunteer Recognition Grant Award, with the proceeds donated to the ADA.

Diabetes is a serious disease that affects the body's ability to produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone that allows blood sugar to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. Nearly 21 million children and adults have diabetes. At least 54 million have pre-diabetes. Diabetes is the fifth leading cause of death by disease in the United States and it has no cure.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's premier voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy. The Association's mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. Founded in 1940, the Association provides services to hundreds of communities across the country. For more information please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or visit www.diabetes.org. Information from both these sources is available in English and Spanish.

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