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ZAMIAS FAMILY HONORED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

JOHNSTOWN, PA, -- The Challenge Program, Inc., a local non-profit, will honor the George D. Zamias Family and Zamias Services, Inc. of Johnstown at an awards dinner on Friday, May 1, 2009 at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Living and Learning Center. The Zamias' are well known throughout the United States as one of the top real estate developers of shopping centers in the country, with its primary focus on construction, management and leasing of retail properties.

The event will recognize the accomplishments and commitment that the entire Zamias family has amassed. They will receive The Challenge Program's first annual "Golden Owl" award. This award, based on the symbol of the "academic wise owl", is given only to those who exhibit the highest commitment to the mission of The Challenge Program, Inc. The Zamias' have supported the program since its inception in 2004 and are valued charter members. The family is strongly committed to education and believes it is the key to a brighter future and improving the quality of life for everyone. Education is a top priority and the main focus of their community involvement. In addition to their commitment to The Challenge Program, Inc. they have provided numerous scholarships and financial support to students at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

At the event, The Challenge Program, Inc. will also celebrate five years of providing students with incentives for success. The program collaborates with businesses to educate students on entrepreneurship while also motivating them to excel in the classroom and their community.

"The Zamias family has a long history of supporting community endeavors where they and their employees live and work. Their commitment and generosity to The Challenge Program, Inc. has impacted the lives of countless high school students and serves as an example of community involvement," said Barbara Grandinetti, TCP Executive Director.

This event is open to the public. There will be a reception and dinner, followed by a brief program. For additional information on tickets, prices, and availability, please call 814-533-7401.

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