



Wakefern Vice President Recognized by ‘Executive Women of New Jersey’
Cheryl Williams named 2012 honoree at ‘Salute to Policy Makers’ Dinner

Keasbey, NJ — May 24, 2012 — Wakefern Food Corp. proudly announces that Cheryl Williams, Vice President of Digital Commerce and Innovation, was recognized by Executive Women of New Jersey (EWNJ) at the recent “Salute to Policy Makers” Dinner. The biennial event, which took place on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, honors women of professional distinction in New Jersey.

Providing some of the State's most prominent organizations with an opportunity to recognize the achievements of women in their companies, this event also raises funds for the EWNJ Graduate Scholarship program and other programs that support the advancement of women. Since the program’s inception, Salute Dinner proceeds have provided over \$1.1 million in scholarships to more than 350 deserving New Jersey women seeking advanced degrees.

“Since joining Wakefern in 1997, Cheryl has made a powerful impact on the success of the company, and on the evolution of the supermarket industry as a whole,” said Joe Sheridan, president & COO for Wakefern Food Corp. “We are proud to stand with EWNJ in recognition and appreciation of her many accomplishments and contributions to the advancement of women professionals in the great state of New Jersey.”

“Since its founding in 1980, EWNJ has championed the advancement of women to the most senior levels of international corporations, non profits, and public service firms. At this year’s ‘Salute to the Policy Makers’ event, we celebrated the professional accomplishments of 36 exceptional New Jersey executives,” said EWNJ President-Elect and 2012 Salute Dinner Chair Keitha M. Lackey, who also serves as a Director for Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. “It is my honor and pleasure to serve as Chair for this year’s gala, which served a dual purpose: Honoring an outstanding group of women and benefiting an excellent cause.”

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie served as this year’s Distinguished Honorary Dinner Chair. Past recipients of the Salute to Policy Makers distinction include Children's Specialized Hospital, Lucent, Johnson & Johnson, Schering-Plough, Prudential, Summit Bank, Hoffman-Laroche, and Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey.

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About Wakefern Food Corp.

From a small, struggling cooperative with eight members – all owners of their own grocery stores – Wakefern Food Corp. has grown into the largest retailer-owned cooperative in the United States. Founded in 1946, the cooperative is comprised of 47 members who today individually own and operate more than 240 supermarkets under the ShopRite banner in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. In 1996, Wakefern introduced PriceRite stores, extending the company’s reach into Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Today, there are 47 PriceRite stores in five states. As the merchandising and distribution arm of both ShopRite and PriceRite, Wakefern, together with its member companies, employ more than 50,000 people; making it one of the largest employers in New Jersey. In addition, Wakefern also distributes products to other supermarkets throughout the northeastern United States and Bermuda. Wakefern was recently named one of the Best Places to Work in NJ by NJBIZ Magazine. In 2011, Supermarket News gave Wakefern its Retail Excellence Award and The Griffin Report named Wakefern its Retailer of the Year. For more information, please visit www.Wakefern.com.