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Santoni's Celebrates 25 Years of Service to the Community with A Four Day Fundraiser Supporting Glyndon's Own Courage Lion Program

(Glyndon, MD) September 2011 – Santoni's Marketplace & Catering is celebrating over 25 years of service to the Greater Baltimore community with a four – day fundraising event on October 13 – 16, 2011 from 11 am – 3 pm each day in the Glyndon Square Shopping Center. The event will benefit Glyndon's own Courage Lion Program. The family friendly festivities centered around families coming together to support families in crisis will include an array of food samplings, free entertainment including children's musical performances and crafts, a petting zoo, educational programs led by the Baltimore County Police, Baltimore County Fire Department and the Maryland National Guard as well as special sales and offers honoring this momentous occasion. All proceeds from the festivities will benefit the Courage Lion Program. A full calendar of events and list of sponsors can be found on Santoni's website at www.santonis.com.

When Santoni's Marketplace & Catering opened its doors in 1986 as a family owned and operated specialty market in the vein of their grandparent's original Santoni's Supermarket in Highlandtown started in 1920, the Santoni brothers, Lou and Rick, could never have imagined the evolution of their business 25 years later. Santoni's Catering is the 7th largest caterer in the Greater Baltimore area according to the Baltimore Business Journal. Owner and President, Lou Santoni says "quote about growth of catering side of business". Santoni's Marketplace underwent a facelift and expansion in 2005 and has continued to expand with the recent addition of the Catering Sales Office next door to the Marketplace.

As the Santoni's prepared to celebrate their 25th Anniversary, it only seemed natural to make this celebration a charity event.

The Courage Lion program founded in Glyndon in 2005 by local citizen, John Ramming and his wife Chris was the obvious choice as Santoni's charity partner. The Courage Lion Program is not only local but is a 100% volunteer organization relying solely on donations to fund the over 31,000 children in crisis helped in 102 medical facilities, military installations and hospices across the United States and Canada. The goal is to raise \$25,000 for the Courage Lion Program so the organization can publish their second storybook dealing with grief and loss. This wonderful program is a labor of love for both John and Chris and their network of volunteers.

"I am so excited about our up coming event. We have so much to be thankful for and to celebrate this year. Please join us at our 25th Anniversary bash as we raise money for a great cause and celebrate all of the new and exciting offerings and opportunities here at Santoni's. We look forward to seeing you the weekend of Oct 13 - 16" says Lou Santoni, President and Owner.

The community can get involved in supporting the Courage Lion program by attending Santoni's 25th Anniversary activities on Oct 13 -16, 2011 as well as visiting Santoni's Marketplace and purchasing a courage lion, book or CD or making a tax deductible donation.

Santoni's Catering is a full-service, off- premise catering company that covers the full spectrum of catering from weddings to social milestone and corporate events both casual and elegant.

Santoni's Marketplace is a specialty gourmet market located in Glyndon, Maryland that features chef prepared food, fresh breads and produce, espresso coffee and gelato bar, homemade desserts and specialty bakery items, expansive deli, high quality meats and seafood, the best subs in town, gift baskets, and much more.

To learn more about Santoni's Marketplace & Catering, please call 410-833-6610 Ext 160 or www.santonis.com.

To learn more about the Courage Lion Program, please visit www.couragelion.org.