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**Jewelers for Children Announces Plans for 2022 Facets of Hope Event
Dave Meleski and Craig Stern to be Honored**

On Sunday June 12, 2022 Jewelers for Children will hold the 23rd edition of its Facets of Hope event, at the Venetian Las Vegas, in Las Vegas, NV, during the jewelry market week.

During the event Dave Meleski President and CEO of the Richline Group and Craig Stern President and CEO of Rogers Enterprises, Inc. will be honored. The charity will also announce the success of their fundraising efforts for the year and pledge donations to their charity partners.

In 2020, the first event in two years, nearly 500 people attended and \$ 1.1 million was pledged to support children in need.

“Dave and Craig are outstanding honorees and represent some of the best of our industry” said Alan Zimmer, JFC Board Chair. Their involvement in our annual event, as well as their service as board members, will make 2022 an outstanding year for Jewelers for Children.”

The event will be held at the Venetian Resort Casino starting at 6:00 p.m. on the fourth level with cocktails and food. The program and a dessert party will follow.

Anyone interested in attending or sponsoring can contact JFC at (212) 687-2949 or info@jewelersforchildren.org. Details and participation forms are available at the JFC website, www.jewelersforchildren.org.

Jewelers for Children was founded in 1999 by the U.S. jewelry industry with the mission of helping children in need. Since its inception, JFC has raised nearly \$60 million for programs benefiting children whose lives have been affected by illness, abuse or neglect through our charity partners St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital®, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Make-A-Wish® America, and the National CASA Association. JFC also provides support to Make-A-Wish® International and the Organization for Autism Research.

About Dave Meleski:

Dave earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Randolph-Macon College in 1981. His professional career started with Best Products Catalog Showroom in Richmond, Virginia in the Merchandising Department from 1981-1989 where he held buying positions in the Jewelry area for 8 years.

He moved to Town and Country Manufacturing Company in Boston, MA from 1989-1992, where he served as Vice President of Product Development for a multi-national manufacturer in the jewelry industry.

In 1992, Dave moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to work for Aurafin Corporation, a manufacturer/distributor of jewelry products, as Vice President of Sales and Marketing. In 1998, Dave became President/CEO and partner in the business. In 2007, he sold the business to Berkshire Hathaway, forming the Richline Group as part of Berkshire Hathaway. Since 2007, Dave has operated Richline Group for Berkshire as President, expanding the business to a global operation based in New York, Florida, Massachusetts, Europe, Asia, South America and Africa. In 2018 Dave also assumed the role of CEO of the Richline Group of companies for Berkshire.

Dave has been married to his wife Dee 40 years and they have three children.

In his personal time Dave enjoys his family, golf, skiing, and Randolph-Macon College sports. He has served on the Board of Trustees of the College for seven years, and has chaired the Trustee Committee on athletics. He serves as a past Chair of Manufacturers and Jewelers of America, Past President of Plumb Club of New York, and on the board of Jewelers for Children.

About Craig Stern:

Craig joined Rogers Enterprises during college in 1976 and became President & CEO in 1988. Since joining the company, it has expanded from operating in one state to operating stores in 12 states throughout the Midwest, South and East

Craig is very active in the community and has served on many boards, including Ingalls Hospital Foundation, the US Bank, the Chicago Jewelers Association, where he founded a program which annually awards college scholarships to deserving youth, the Glenwood Academy, where he founded a program which has raised in excess of \$2,000,000.00 for underprivileged, at-risk children. He also serves on the board of the Jewelers for Children. He has spoken several times at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to its undergraduate and graduate business students and coached youth baseball for more than 20 years

Craig is also dedicated to the Young Presidents' Organization where he served as a member of the YPO Gold Chicago Board of Directors. He also chaired Youth in Family

Business, a four-day event at Babson College, chaired an event with a Northwestern University Marketing Professor, chaired an event with a special showing at the Field Museum in Chicago, attended Universities in South Africa (twice), Budapest, Prague and Alaska (twice), as well as Academies/Offsites in Russia and Poland; also attended several Area Conferences and participated in multiple Forums. For three consecutive years, he chaired Preparing for Professional Life a four-day event for YPO youth at Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University.

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