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BASHAS' IS ONLY GROCERY CHAIN VOTED AS 'BEST PLACE TO WORK'

CHANDLER, ARIZ. – The Phoenix Business Journal recently named Bashas' Family of Stores as one of the top 30 Best Places to Work in Maricopa County. Bashas' is the only grocery store chain that made the list for 2006. Bashas' Family of Stores includes AJ's Fine Foods and Food City.

The Best Places to Work award is based solely on the employee's survey results. 546 Bashas' employees completed the program survey and the results placed Bashas' in the top 30. The survey questions included topics such as benefits, work environment and career opportunities.

More than 100 large-size companies, 250 employees or more, applied for the 2006 award. The award aims to create a highly credible list valued by employees and management, foster a competitive spirit among valley businesses for improving workplaces in metro Phoenix, to obtain information about metro Phoenix businesses to help raise workplace standards, to help the Valley attract and retain a talented workforce and to promote the Valley's best employment opportunities to attract new workers.

Bashas' is an Arizona-based, family-owned and -operated grocery chain known for its fresh produce, made-from-scratch bakery items, full-service butcher shop and award-winning Chef's Entrées. The company was established in 1932 and will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in 2007. For more information, visit www.bashas.com.

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