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**Greater Clevelanders Make Olympic Effort
to Improve Lives of Those Impacted by Diabetes**

CLEVELAND – June 14, 1010 – Progressive Field took on the appearance of an Olympic stadium Saturday evening June 12 as over 600 swimmers and over 300 volunteers were recognized for their efforts to raise funds to support diabetes education and support services on behalf of the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland (DAGC).

The Cleveland Indians and the Parade the Field event celebrated the work of over 900 swimmers and volunteers at 52 community pools in the region during the three-day May 14-16 2010 **Verizon Wireless Swim for Diabetes**. Energized by event co-chairs local Olympic gold medalist Diana Munz and her coach Jerry Holtrey, this year's **Swim for Diabetes** celebrated its 25th Anniversary, and raised \$200,000 to help fight this serious disease.

“Cleveland is a great community, filled with local heroes who year after year support this special event and those we serve,” said DAGC President and CEO Helen Dumski. “We’d like to thank all of our *Swim for Diabetes* participants and extend a very special thank you to our main corporate sponsor Verizon Wireless for continuing their support into their eighth year – even in this very difficult economy.”

At the Parade the Field Awards Ceremony the 600 swimmers were thanked for the 33,247 lengths they swam to raise awareness and funds to help their family, friends and neighbors with diabetes. In addition, Ms. Dumski thanked the more than 300 volunteers

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who served as aquatic directors, lifeguards, pool leaders, lap counters, and greeters during the event. In addition, 52 SCUBA for Diabetes divers, were honored for raising \$7,692 during an event held at the Cleveland State University natatorium.

The top money earner and first prize winner for the 2010 *Verizon Wireless Swim for Diabetes* is Betty Rendlesham, who raised \$5,575 and the honor of throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at the game. This is the third year in a row that Betty raised money for *Swim for Diabetes* in memory of her father-in-law, Charles Rendlesham.

Congratulations were also given to the other top money earners this year including second place winner Anne Harmody, who raised \$3,025, and third place winner Anna Zschuppe, who raised \$3,010.

Other award winners are:

- Super Swimmer Craig Koslen for swimming 603 laps;
- Camp Ho Mita Koda for children with diabetes Winner Jordan McDonald who raised \$590;
- School Team Award winner Kenston High School Swim Team, who raised \$3,159;
- Non-School Team With Most Swimmers and Most Money Raised winner Kelly's Crusaders, with 32 swimmers raising \$5,536; and
- Top YMCA Prize Winner the Madison YMCA Lake East End Otters, who raised \$2,831.

The Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland is a local, independent (not nationally affiliated) nonprofit agency dedicated to helping the 1 in 11 people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes in northeast Ohio. One hundred percent of funds raised remains here in the local community to support diabetes prevention, risk assessments, education and other support services, as well as Camp Ho Mita Koda for children with diabetes. For more information on DAGC, please visit www.dagc.org, or call 216-521-0800.

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