

2008 Restaurant Neighbor Award: State Finalists

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Louie's Bar & Grille

Akron, OH

The owners of Louie's Bar & Grille include a six-year breast cancer survivor and her father, a kidney-transplant patient. The restaurant's owners have received so much support from the Akron community that they always look for ways to give back. For the past three years, Louie's Bar & Grille has raised more than \$35,000 for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Staff members sell paper ribbons, jewelry, t-shirts and teddy bears to raise money for breast cancer research. They work closely with a local school to encourage gift-card sales, donating 20 percent of the resulting gift-card revenues to the school. The restaurant is a participant in the National Hamburger Festival, donating 10 percent of sales to Akron Children's Hospital. Families with children at the hospital can eat at Louie's for free. Louie's has raised more than \$50,000 to date for its outreach efforts.



Roosters

Dublin, OH

With 12 units in the Dublin area, Roosters has found a way for each of its stores to impact a charity of their choice. The stores donate Fun Cards, which provide 15 percent discounts for food purchases, to youth sports teams and other charity organizations. The nonprofits sell the cards for \$10 each and keep the entire amount. Each year for the past 15 years, all Roosters locations also organize charity golf outings.