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Subject: **Public invited to anniversary social at the Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square on June 18 from 6-9 p.m.**

**Lancaster, PA** (June 15, 2010) — Operators of the Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square are pleased to invite members of the community to a one-year anniversary social this Friday, June 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. The celebration will take place in the facility's Great Room just off Historic Penn Square, with live entertainment by beloved Lancaster Jazz artist Amy Banks. Anniversary food and drink specials will be offered as a gesture of gratitude to the community for its support.

Since the official ribbon cutting on June 18, 2009, the integrated facility has been host to more than 850 events by more than 300 different organizations. More than 300,000 people have been through its doors to attend events or stay at the hotel. Additionally, two dozen new restaurant, retail, and service businesses have opened in the Downtown core and Northwest quadrant of the city since the opening.

"We're gratified as always to be able to contribute to the economic vitality of such a great community and unique destination, and we look forward to taking a moment to celebrate the first exciting year of operation," said Josh Nowak, Director of Sales & Marketing for the integrated facility.

## **About the integrated facility**

The landmark, uniquely integrated convention center hotel facility offers abundant space for groups ranging in size from 5 to 5,000 people, with more than 90,000 square feet of flexible meeting space including a convention and exhibition hall, two grand ballrooms, and several finely appointed meeting and board rooms. Expansive windows offer an infusion of natural light and extraordinary views onto the Downtown.

In the 299-room hotel portion of this integrated facility, guests enjoy all the amenities commanded by the Marriott name, including granite counters, 37-inch LCD high-def screens, smart plug-and-play system for connecting laptops to TVs, and luxurious pillow-top bedding.

Additional information is available at [www.marriottlancaster.com](http://www.marriottlancaster.com) and [www.lancasterconventioncenter.com](http://www.lancasterconventioncenter.com).

**About ownership of the integrated facility**

The Lancaster County Convention Center is a publicly owned entity under the direction of the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority. The Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square is owned by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Lancaster and leased to Penn Square Partners, the private company that holds the Marriott franchise.

**About Interstate Hotels & Resorts**

Interstate Hotels & Resorts, which operates The Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, is the nation's largest independent hotel management company. For more information about Interstate Hotels & Resorts, visit the company's Web site at [www.ihrco.com](http://www.ihrco.com).

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