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JOE AND SUE PATERNO TO BE HONORED FOR THEIR ‘LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT’ AT THE HONOR A STAR. BE A STAR. GALA AT NEW YORK’S MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL APRIL 29, 2009

--Hall of Fame Football Coach and Wife Recognized for Personal Contributions to the Community, Charities and Penn State University—

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (March 4, 2009) – On April 29, 2009 a galaxy of stars from the world of sports, business, medicine and nonprofits will gather at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in New York City to honor Joe and Sue Paterno’s life-long devotion to helping others in the community and through personal charities, as well as their well-known commitment to Penn State University.

Hosted by the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association, the Second Annual *Honor a Star. Be a Star. Gala* will feature a special guest celebrity MC, as well as a moving tribute to the Paternos, dinner and an award presentation.

Proceeds from the event benefit the CMTA’s Strategy to Accelerate Research (STAR™), an unprecedented collaboration of top researchers from around the world that has been created to develop new treatments for Charcot-Marie-Tooth disorder (CMT), and a cure within ten years. Coach Paterno has served as national spokesperson for the CMTA over the past several years.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. with a VIP reception with Joe and Sue Paterno.

Tickets for the Honor a Star. Be a Star. Gala are \$500 and are tax deductible. To purchase tickets call 1-800-606-2682 or visit www.honorastarbestar.com. Companies, organizations and individuals interested in sponsoring the event or making a donation can contact the CMTA at 610-499-9264.

About the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association:

The CMTA, headquartered in Chester, Pennsylvania, is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1983. The CMTA goals include providing patient support, public education, promotion of research, and ultimately the improved treatment and cure of

CMT. The organization is led by an Executive Director and governed by a voluntary Board of Directors (BOD), and an international Medical Advisory Board (MAB) comprised of over fifty clinical and research professionals in specialties such as neurology, genetics, orthopedic surgery, physiatry, physical therapy and podiatry. The CMTA Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) is comprised of senior scientists with extensive research experience related to CMT. An External Advisory Board, made up of internationally recognized scientists, serves in an advisory capacity to the SAB. For more information, visit www.charcot-marie-tooth.org.

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