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Runza® honored by Rotary and Chamber

Lincoln, Nebraska – Lincoln’s Rotary Clubs and the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce will host a luncheon on Monday, March 30, 2009 to salute Runza® and its employees for their contributions to Lincoln and Nebraska. The public is invited to attend to honor this prestigious Lincoln organization. Doors will open at 11:30 A.M. at the Cornhusker Marriott, 333 S. 13th Street. Tickets are available for \$25 per person and corporate tables of 10 for \$250. Reservations are required and may e-mailed to [direx@inebraska.com](mailto:direx@inebraska.com) or call 402-796-2505. They will be confirmed at the door.

Runza® is a true Lincoln success story. In 1949, Sally Everett and her brother, Alex Brening, founded the company and opened the first location near Pioneers Park with a \$500 investment. In 1966, Sally’s son, Donald Everett, purchased the rights to the Runza® Sandwich, federally trademarked the name, and opened his first Runza® Restaurant at 56th & Holdrege. Today, Runza® has expanded into a chain of 83 quick-service restaurants in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, and Iowa. Runza® Sandwiches continue to be made the old-fashioned way – from the original recipe handed down by Don’s Grandmother and remains a family business, with Don Everett’s three children (Sally’s grandchildren) overseeing operations.

Donald Everett, Jr., President, stated, “My Grandmother was a pioneer in the restaurant business. She quickly developed a reputation for quality food and service. It was this strong foundation that the chain of Runza® Restaurants was built. She knew the key to success was to provide honest value through superior food and service.”

Runza® Restaurants was chosen as the 2009 Salute to Business honoree because of their commitment to Lincoln and Nebraska. They are dedicated to enriching the lives by providing fulfilling jobs and pleasant working conditions for their employees. Runza® is a valued community partner, sponsoring numerous non-profit organizations in the community focusing, on literacy, learning, cancer awareness, mentorship, and sports to help insure that the needs of our citizens are met