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**McDONALD'S® HONORS LOCAL HAMMONTON RESTAURANT MANAGER  
WITH PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARD**

*Glenda Aviles to receive 2009 Ray Kroc Award*

**Hammonton (March 16, 2010)** – Hammonton is home to one of the nation's top McDonald's® restaurant managers. Glenda Aviles recently received the Ray Kroc Award, an annual performance-based award that recognizes the top performing McDonald's restaurant managers in the country. Named after McDonald's corporate founder Ray Kroc, the award was established eleven years ago in 1999 to honor hardworking restaurant managers – those who make Ray Kroc's vision of excellence come to life in restaurants and for customers each day.

A select 141 managers were chosen this year to receive the Ray Kroc Award, an honor that comes with a cash award, a Ray Kroc award trophy and pin and a trip to Chicago for an awards gala on March 16 hosted by McDonald's USA President, Jan Fields.

"This was my first job when I was 14 years-old, and it has been my only job for 16 years," said Aviles. "At one point, I was a single mother with three children. Working at McDonald's has allowed me to provide for my children, and because of the flexible hours, I am also able to still spend time with them."

Ray Kroc built the McDonald's business on the belief that greatness can only be achieved through the dedication and support of a company's people. The award was named after him based on his commitment to people and recognizing their contributions to the organization he helped establish. Each year, this prestigious award is given to the top one percent of McDonald's U.S. restaurant managers to recognize their superior performance and achievement.

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“Glenda being honored with the coveted Ray Kroc Award is a true testament to her unwavering commitment to excellence, building our business and taking care of our customers’ needs each and every day,” said John Durante, McDonald’s Owner/Operator. “We are truly proud to have Glenda as part of our McDonald’s family and commend her on this truly amazing accolade.”

Aviles has worked at the Hammonton McDonald’s for 16 years as a valued manager. She is also committed to giving back. She collects clothing from various people in her community and travels to Puerto Rico to distribute the clothes to people in need.

McDonald’s Owner/Operators and/or regional staff nominate restaurant managers for the Ray Kroc Award to recognize their hard work, dedication and commitment to McDonald’s. From there, a selection committee of representatives from McDonald’s Operations, Training and Human Resources select the top one percent of McDonald’s Restaurant Managers for the Ray Kroc Award.

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