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Triangle Business Journal Names Tony Civello Health Care Hero

Raleigh, N.C. - Chairman, president and CEO of Kerr Drug, Tony Civello, was recently named a Health Care Hero by Triangle Business Magazine. Headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina, Kerr Drug is one of the nation's leading regional pharmacy chains with over 100 locations throughout North Carolina and South Carolina.

The Health Care Hero Award recognizes Triangle individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the quality of health care in the community. Civello has demonstrated himself as a drug store industry leader who strives to be proactive, rather than reactive, and believes that chain drug retailing is all about health care.

“It is a true honor to be named one of the Health Care Heroes for North Carolina,” says Civello who was also recently named the 2006 Retailer of the Year by Chain Drug Review. “But this award also recognizes the efforts of the entire team of Kerr Drug professionals who all strive to provide the highest quality of health care.”

A leader in the pharmacy chain industry, Civello has worked for more than 40 years in chain drug retailing and has successfully positioned Kerr Drug as one of the country's most innovative regional drug chains. He has also spent the last two years chairing the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS).

Civello has been responsible for much of the innovation at Kerr Drug. He received a B.S. in pharmacy from the University of Pittsburgh and has served on the NACDS board of directors since 1998. His four-decade career first began in 1965 with Thrift Drug and in 1997 he became chairman, president, and CEO of Kerr Drug.

In 2000, Kerr Drug was named “National Pharmacy Chain of the Year”, and in 2005 was named “New Retail Concept of the Year” for its groundbreaking community health care center concept, and received the Pinnacle Award in 2006, highest honors from the American Pharmacists’ Association.

The Health Care Hero Awards ceremony will take place on Thursday, March 29 at The Umstead Hotel & Spa to recognize leaders in the Triangle and their extraordinary achievements.

About Kerr Drug

Kerr Drug is one of the most recognized and respected names in the chain drug industry. With its roots in the Carolinas and headquarters in Raleigh, Kerr Drug is taking the vision of community pharmacy farther than any other drug chain. The company has placed its future on its unique ability to provide patients, the medical community, and health plan sponsors, access to the most comprehensive and convenient health and wellness offering in the industry. With a mission to be the most comprehensive provider of pharmacy and related health care services, while continuing to be the most reliable provider of health related and convenience items, Kerr is currently providing services that far exceed the traditional drug store mix. For more information, please visit www.kerrdrug.com.

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