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McDONALD'S® HONORS LOCAL KITTANNING RESTAURANT
CREW MEMBER WITH PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Tammy Lash to receive 2009 Crew Person of the Year Award

KITTANNING, PA (March 12, 2010) – Kittanning is home to one of the nation's top McDonald's restaurant crew members, Tammy Lash, who was presented with the 2009 Crew Person of the Year Award, which spotlights the contribution the crew make to the business of delivering exceptional customer satisfaction.

"I am thrilled to have been chosen for such a honorable award," said Lash. "I didn't realize I had been nominated, so this has all been an exciting experience!"

The award, established in 2002, honored only 24 employees nationwide this year and is based on leadership, hospitality and customer, school and community service. Finalists are selected after review by McDonald's field service, training and human resources departments.

Lash has been a crew member at the Kittanning restaurant since she first started 17 years ago as her very first job. She is now a shift coordinator at the same restaurant.

"Tammy truly sets the bar for our industry through the outstanding way in which she works with her fellow crew members, her diligent work ethic and overall positivity in everything she does for McDonald's," said Dan Delligatti, Owner/Operator of the Kittanning location.

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Delligatti along with McDonald's Supervisors Gary Simon and Bobbi Wolbert and Store Manager Tracy Yockey presented Lash with a check for \$500, an adorning plaque and other store items that will continually recognize her as Crew Person of the Year.

"I couldn't have accomplished any of this without the support and inspiration from all of my supervisors and the M&J organization," said Lash. "It is truly rewarding to know I am appreciated not only locally, but on a national level by the McDonald's family and I look forward to continue working here for many more years."

The Kittanning location is one of 20 McDonald's restaurants that are owned and operated by M&J Management Corporation, a local three-generation family business and McDonald's franchise organization for more than 50 years. Dan Delligatti is grandson to Jim "MJ" Delligatti, the company's founder who opened the first McDonald's restaurant in Pennsylvania on McKnight Road in Pittsburgh in 1957. MJ is also the inventor of the world famous Big Mac[®] sandwich and helped pioneer breakfast at McDonald's.

Lash has been a longtime resident of the Kittanning community and lives with her husband Scott and children Zachary, 16 and Brinna, 14.

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