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Ecolab Raises \$118,000 for the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation

CHICAGO, May 25, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ecolab Inc. announced today that it raised more than \$118,000 for the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) at its 8th Annual Ecolab Chairman's Reception. The money raised during the silent auction on May 23 will provide approximately 50 scholarships for restaurant and foodservice students.

"We are proud to continue our support of the NRAEF, the leading provider of education and training for the restaurant and foodservice industry," said Douglas M. Baker, Jr., Ecolab Chairman, President and CEO. "Education plays a fundamental role in sustaining the vitality and long-term health of our industry. This donation reflects Ecolab's commitment in building a talented, dynamic workforce for the future."

Over 750 foodservice operators and guests attended the annual silent auction, which is held during the National Restaurant Association Restaurant Hotel-Motel Show. Over the past eight years, Ecolab has contributed more than \$1 million to the non-profit organization.

Baker presented William L. Hyde, Jr., Chairman of the NRAEF Board of Trustees, with the \$118,000 donation on behalf of Ecolab.

"We salute Ecolab for its innovative leadership and the depth of its commitment to the NRAEF's mission," Hyde said. "Ecolab sets the standard for our industry by investing in programs with high impact, like our student scholarships. Ecolab came to us with the vision to raise significant funding for use in assisting students as they pursue their educational goals."

"We are extremely grateful for Ecolab's ongoing support to the NRAEF," added Dawn Sweeney, President and CEO of the National Restaurant Association and NRAEF. "Ecolab, along with the many donors at Sunday's event, enables the NRAEF to continue enhancing the restaurant industry's service to the public through education, community engagement and promotion of career opportunities. Specifically, these funds will help support our ProStart program for more than 83,000 high school students around the country, and the NRAEF Scholarship Program."

The NRAEF has seen increased demand for its programs and services as the industry continues to grow and the U.S. economy recovers from the challenges of the last two years. Contributions from leaders like Ecolab and the attendees of the Chairman's Reception are key to our industry's future success.

About Ecolab Inc.

Ecolab Inc. (NYSE: ECL) is the global leader in cleaning, sanitizing, food safety and infection prevention products and services. Ecolab delivers comprehensive programs and services to the foodservice, food and beverage processing, healthcare, and hospitality markets in more than 160 countries. More news and information is available at www.ecolab.com.

About the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation

As the philanthropic foundation of the National Restaurant Association, the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) enhances the restaurant industry's service to the public through education, community engagement, and promotion of career opportunities. The restaurant and foodservice industry is comprised of 945,000 restaurant and foodservice outlets and a workforce of 13 million employees, making it one of the nation's largest employers. The NRAEF is focused on working with the Association to lead America's restaurant industry into a new era of prosperity, prominence and participation by providing the valuable tools and resources needed to educate our current and incoming employees. For more information on the NRAEF, visit www.nraef.org. For more information about the National Restaurant Association, visit www.restaurant.org.

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