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Macey's and Dan's Grocery Stores to Stop Selling Tobacco Products

Salt Lake City, UT (May 15, 2008) – Beginning on June 1, 2008 Dan's and Macey's grocery stores will no longer sell tobacco products. Dan's and Macey's will follow the Dick's Market stores in Davis County in becoming some of the first local supermarkets to stop selling cigarettes and other tobacco products.

“The health and well-being of our team members and guests is a major concern. This interest is evidenced by the support we provide to many organizations that fight against diseases impacting the lives of our team members, guests and communities,” said Dave Wirthlin, president of Dan's, Dick's Market and Macey's. “Our focus on a healthy lifestyle and ‘family-first’ orientation is one element that makes our stores unique.”

The decision to stop tobacco sales has been considered for months, but to remain true to the stores' culture of promoting the health of team members, guests and the community, company leaders feel the financial impact does not outweigh the long-term health ramifications.

“Tobacco is the only product that, when used as directed, kills. Dan's and Macey's are showing themselves to be truly family-oriented businesses by taking this product off their shelves, said Lena Dibble, representative from The TRUTH Campaign. “They are setting a great example for other businesses.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 44 percent of smokers nationwide have made an effort to stop smoking in the past 12 months. Macey's, Dan's and Dick's offer cessation programs to help any team members who would like to stop using tobacco products.

“While we understand this decision may be difficult for some team members and guests, we feel strongly about doing our part to promote better health,” said Wirthlin. “We welcome any questions or concerns and appreciate the support of our community.”

A formal announcement will take place at the American Heart Association Gala in Salt Lake City on Friday, May 16. For quotes, facts or interviews, please contact Pam Childs at (801) 978-8605.

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