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## **TERESA BAKER OF IGA BAKER'S RECEIVES WGA WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Arlington, VA** – The Woman Grocers of America (WGA) are pleased to announce that Teresa Baker, *Vice President and CFO of Baker's IGA in Coshocton, Ohio*, was presented with the WGA Woman of the Year Award on Friday, February 10, 2006. Mrs. Baker received the award at the Closing General Session of the 2006 National Grocers Association (N.G.A.) Annual Convention and Supermarket Synergy Showcase in Las Vegas by WGA President Jan Smith.

The WGA Woman of the Year award recognizes an industry woman whose leadership has contributed to the success of her company. This woman must be a member of the National Grocers Association and other industry organizations whose participation and involvement contributes/contributed to the overall well-being of the grocery industry; and must be a community-focused citizen committed to serving the needs of her neighbors, associates and customers through involvement in community and civic affairs.

Mrs. Baker holds the title of Vice President and CFO of Baker's Management, Inc., doing business as Baker's IGA, a 4-store, family-owned supermarket group in Coshocton, Ohio. While holding her positions with Baker's Management, Teresa received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Mount Vernon Nazarene College in 2001. Not only is Teresa involved in the day-to-day aspects of running the family business, she also is very active in her church and community with groups such as Habitat for Humanity, Coshocton County Memorial Hospital, N.G.A.'s Freedom Corps. She was also the first woman voted in as a member of the Ohio Grocers Association Board of Trustees.

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N.G.A. is the national trade association representing the retail and wholesale grocers that comprise the independent sector of the food distribution industry. An independent retailer is a privately owned or controlled food retail company operating a variety of formats. Most independent operators are serviced by wholesale distributors, while others may be partially or fully self-distributing. Some are publicly traded but with controlling shares held by the family and others are employee owned. Independents are the true "entrepreneurs" of the grocery industry and dedicated to their customers, associates, and communities. N.G.A. members include retail and wholesale grocers, state grocers associations, as well as manufacturers and service suppliers. For more information about N.G.A. and the independent sector of the industry, see the N.G.A. website: [www.NationalGrocers.org](http://www.NationalGrocers.org).