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**AK-SAR-BEN IKE FRIEDMAN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
APPLICATIONS REQUESTED**

February 19, 2010 , Omaha, Nebraska – The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Ak-Sar-Ben Ike Friedman Student and Teacher Leadership Awards. Forms may be obtained from Ak-Sar-Ben Area Volunteers as well as by contacting the Ak-Sar-Ben office at (402) 554-9600 ext. 100 or online at www.aksarben.org. Student recipients of the Ike Friedman Leadership award will be given a \$2,000 scholarship and teacher recipients will be given a \$1,000 monetary stipend. Applications are due March 31, 2010.

The Ike Friedman Teacher Award recognizes teachers, kindergarten through twelfth grade, who demonstrate extraordinary leadership in education and community service. The Ike Friedman Student Award recognizes high school seniors throughout Nebraska and Southwest Iowa who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership by taking action to satisfy the needs of others, by actively participating in service to their school and community, and by motivating others to become involved.

The awards are named in honor of Isadore “Ike” Friedman. Before his death in 1991, Mr. Friedman was one of Omaha’s most active and outstanding business and community leaders. He “made a difference,” whether it was as President of Borsheim’s Jewelry or as a member of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Board of Governors.

The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben were founded in 1895 “to build a more prosperous Heartland, where communities can flourish and every child can succeed.”

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