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CIRO POPPITI NAMED 2006 OUTSTANDING YOUNG WILMINGTONIAN

Poppiti nominated by County Executive Chris Coons

Wilmington, DE - Ciro Poppiti III has been named the 2006 Outstanding Young Wilmingtonian by the Wilmington Jaycees organization. Poppiti, a resident of Wilmington and the proprietor of USA Distributors of Delaware, has a longstanding record of volunteering in the Wilmington community.

Among Poppiti's volunteer activities have been: Teaching at-risk 6th and 7th grade youth at the Nativity Prep School in Wilmington; Advising the Delaware Children's Theatre and coordinating fundraising events for the DCT; Managing a national touring exhibit, Una Segreta, to Wilmington (Una Segreta told the story of WWII Italian immigrants and how they were treated in America); Chairman of the St. Anthony's Italian Festival Cultural Committee - establishing the first Family Concert; Spearheading the first "Vendemmia da Vinci" fall festival, which brought Italian culture and heritage to the Riverfront of the City of Wilmington.

Poppiti was nominated for OYW by Chris Coons, County Executive for New Castle County. "Ciro's broad, selfless and sustained service to others, combined with his tireless dedication to promoting and supporting Wilmington, make him an excellent and deserving candidate for this honor," said Coons. "He exemplifies the best tradition of civic engagement in the service of others by young business leaders in our community."

For the past 65 years, the Wilmington Jaycees have honored individuals who have gone to extraordinary means to better themselves and their community. The OYW award recognizes exceptional achievements or contributions in a nominee's chosen field, organization, community, state, or nation.

Poppiti and his wife, Laura, live in Wilmington with their two children, Jake and Louise. As the Outstanding Young Wilmingtonian, Poppiti is eligible for the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce's "Ten Outstanding Young Americans."

The Wilmington Jaycees provides individuals between the ages of 21 and 39 with the opportunity to develop personal and leadership skills through local community service and social activities. To learn more about the Jaycees, please call 302-655-5288 or visit www.wilmingtonjaycees.com.

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