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A WINNER -- 4 TIMES IN A ROW!!

Canton, Ohio – DiaMed, Inc. has been selected as a 2005 Weatherhead 100 winner for the 4th consecutive year. DiaMed continues to be one of the fastest-growing companies in Northeast Ohio.

Based in Canton, Ohio, DiaMed, Inc. began in 1995 with a medical equipment and supply division to service hospitals and office-based physicians in Northeast Ohio and Eastern Michigan. DiaMed has helped set-up and now provides service to some of the largest physician practices in the area and is proud to be endorsed by the Stark County Medical Society, Mercy Medical Center, University Hospital Health Systems, The Medical Society of Greater Akron and many others.

Our goal has been to provide the best price on medical equipment and supplies while helping to enhance patient care. As a member of National Distribution & Contracting (NDC), the largest purchasing organization in the medical industry, DiaMed has nationwide purchasing power and offers *Starline*, its own high quality private label available at lower costs.

In 1998 DiaMed recognized a need in the community and expanded operations to include a home medical division providing respiratory, mobility and home care products for patients. The compassionate and knowledgeable DiaMed team works with physicians, therapists, family members and other health care professionals to ensure that our customers receive the products that are *right for their needs*. The DiaMed team continually educates customers on their choices involving providers and assists with insurance carriers including Medicare and Medicaid. DiaMed also maintains a 24 hour Oxygen Hotline to service oxygen customers and has a showroom at its office location.

President, Scott Wakser said “Our philosophy has been and continues to be that physicians and patients need a partner and deserve to have responsive service. We work closely with physicians and offer them proactive business ideas that help them lower costs and enhance patient care.”

As a result, DiaMed now offers over 400 manufacturers with over 6,700 products. They have expanded several times over the past 10 years and are **planning a new 10,000 sq foot addition** at their current offices located at 3670 Progress Street in Canton, Ohio.

The City of Canton has helped support the growth efforts of DiaMed, Inc. by recently authorizing a small business loan to allow for **a complete upgrade of software and hardware** for the purchasing, warehouse management, web site and online ordering systems for the company. As part of the agreement with the City of Canton, DiaMed has **committed to continue its growth and hiring** of qualified new employees in the coming years.

DiaMed looks for ways to help within the communities we serve and throughout our great nation. Therefore, through 2005, a portion of all proceeds from the sale of our binaxNOW Influenza product that is sold to physicians and hospitals will be donated to the relief efforts for the flood victims and durable medical goods are also being sent through various sources for this purpose.

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