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C&S Wholesale Grocers is proud to announce that it is joining the ranks of adoption-friendly employers across the United States with the establishment of an adoption benefit for full-time employees who have completed one year of service with the company. C&S's new adoption benefit will provide to eligible employees up to \$10,000 financial reimbursement for expenses incurred for each adopted child and will offer two (2) weeks of paid leave. This new benefit is available beginning March 1, 2008.

By offering an adoption benefit, C&S recognizes that its employees choose to build their families in many ways. In approving the new benefit, Chairman and CEO, Rick Cohen indicated, "We do our best to support all of the families of C&S employees through our benefits programs. We're hopeful that this new benefit will provide support to our employees who are eager to open their hearts and homes to children who are in need of loving families to adopt them."

The new benefit will make it easier for C&S employees to consider adopting one of the 114,000 children waiting for a permanent, loving family in America's foster care system as well as one of the multitudes of children around the world in need of homes. In offering this benefit, C&S is applying the best practices suggested by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption (<http://www.adoptionfriendlyworkplace.org>), a national organization started by the founder of Wendy's, which supports corporate adoption programming across the United States.

C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc. is a privately owned company with annual sales of \$19 billion. The company is the 7th largest privately held company in the nation, as ranked by Forbes magazine. Founded in 1918, C&S provides distribution services to grocery chains and independent stores, delivering to nearly 5,000 locations from its distribution centers in Alabama, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Vermont. For more information about C&S Wholesale Grocers, please contact the communication department at 603-354-7000.