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John Hancock Financial Network Recognizes Top Performing Independent Firms

*Awards go to performance leaders in Andover, MA
Orange County, CA; Buffalo, NY; Redwood Shores, CA*

Boston, MA (June 2, 2008) John Hancock Financial Network (JHNF)* recently recognized top performers among its independent firms nationwide, announces Peter Gordon, President, JHFN.

- **Boston Partners Financial Group**, based in Andover, MA, received the Trophy Award, the highest honor JHFN can bestow upon one of its independent firms.
- **Signature Resources**, based in Orange County, CA, was named a Growth Leader and Leading Life firm for the largest percentage growth increase in its insurance protection and wealth management businesses combined with top life insurance sales and attracting new financial representatives to its firm.
- **Empire Financial Partners**, based in Buffalo, NY, was named Long Term Care Insurance and Brokerage Leader for expanding its long term care business and building its independent brokerage operation.
- In addition, **Dennis Pettinelli**, who is a financial representative with an office in Redwood Shores, CA, earned the Financial Representative of the Year award from JHFN for his commitment to excellence and client service.

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