Guiding Stars & Let's Go! Public-Private Partners for Healthy Communities

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Guiding Stars Nutrition Navigation

- · Nutritious choices made simple easy to use tool for consumers
- All edible products rated over 60,000 products and growing every
- · Highlights foods with higher nutritional density, yet does not "police" less nutritious food choices

Guiding Stars Nutrition Navigation

- Developed by Scientific Advisory Panel
- · Proprietary algorithm is grounded in evidenced-based science and recommendations of authoritative bodies (FDA, USDA, WHO)





Evidence-Based Algorithm

The formula credits a product's score for:

> vitamins. minerals, dietary fiber, whole grains



The formula debits a product's score for:

> trans fat. saturated fat, cholesterol, added sodium, added sugars

The resulting score represents a weighted total

Guiding Stars is Accurate

- · Guiding Stars uses product data that is accurate, up-to-date and available to shoppers
- · Packaged product data is collected from the Nutrition Facts label and ingredients panel



Guiding Stars is Accurate

- Fresh product data is obtained from the USDA National Nutrient Database
- No other database is as current, comprehensive and accurate
- Displayed on shelf-tags, scale labels and signs in stores



Guiding Stars in the Marketplace



 Started in 2006, now used in over 1,450 supermarkets from Maine to Florida

Guiding Stars in the Marketplace



 Launched the nation's first school nutritional navigation system in Maine School Administrative District 75

Guiding Stars in the Marketplace



- Adopted at Bates College and UNH in 2009
- Licensing to retailers, manufacturers & food service providers

Hannaford Supermarkets Inspiring Healthy Choices

- 26 p-t RDs covering 34 stores; plus corporate dietitian and pool RD
- In store classes and tours reached 9,000 consumers



Hannaford Supermarkets Inspiring Healthy Choices

- Outreach efforts local health care providers, schools and other groups -
 - reached 42,000 in 2008
- Web tool powered by Guiding Stars -www.my.hannaford.com











