

NutriCore Goes to Washington

A five person team, representing The National Center of Excellence for Food and Nutrition Research, went to Capitol Hill on March 16th. Throughout the day and into the evening, meetings were held with key staff members to Senators Arlen Specter and Rick Santorum and Congressmen Tim Holden, Todd Platts, Joe Pitts, and John Peterson. They were presented with an assortment of PA produced products, provided by Classic Caramel, Giorgi Mushroom, Hershey Foods, Martin's Potato Chips, Turkey Hill Dairy, Utz Quality Snacks, and Wolfgang Chocolate.

"The continuing support of our legislative leaders is vital to the ongoing growth of this initiative," commented Darrell Auterson. "We're grateful that they embrace NutriCore's vision.

The group wrapped up the day with discussion research priorities and funding for current and future years with David Klurfeld, Ph.D., the USDA's National Program Leader for Human Nutrition.

Leading the delegation was NutriCore's founder, T.R. Jacks and NutriCore NorthEast's President Darrell Auterson. Representing the initiative's 28 sponsors and stakeholders were Laura Phelps, President of the American Mushroom Institute in Washington, D.C.; Jack Stone, Senior Project Manager of RETTEW Associates, Lancaster, PA; and Alan Cotich, NutriCore NorthEast Project Coordinator.

"It was a great day to be a part of the NutiCore team. Educating others about NutriCore and building support for NutriCore initiatives is hard work but very rewarding because NutriCore is a win-win for everyone." Jack Stone, RETTEW Associates.



From left to right: Alan Cotich, Darrell Auterson, Tim Holden and T.R. Jacks

