

RESPONSE TO PEANUT ALLERGY FATALITY

On behalf of the American peanut industry, the American Peanut Council extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of _____.

Approximately 11 million Americans suffer from food allergies, and peanuts are among the most common. For this reason, the peanut industry is pro-active in the areas of education and research. The industry supports full disclosure labeling for all manufactured products containing peanuts as an ingredient. The American Peanut Council has sponsored educational programs to make peanut industry members aware of the proper methods for handling and processing peanuts.

All segments of the US peanut industry, including the Peanut Foundation and, in particular, the National Peanut Board, provide funding for a variety of research projects designed to prevent, mitigate and better understand the causes of peanut allergy. We are optimistic that research and education will ultimately provide protection to peanut allergy sufferers.

For those seeking assistance and information on managing food allergies, the peanut industry recommends contacting the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (www.foodallergy.org).