

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

# **Martin's Super Markets Managers Receive National Recognition**

**SOUTH BEND, IN/July 6, 2020/Martin's Super Markets** – Two Martin's Super Markets store managers have been recognized among the nation's best. Donna Bierbaum, manager of the Martin's at 3800 E. Mishawaka Rd., Elkhart, IN, has been named a member of the 2020 "Top Women in Grocery" class by *Progressive Grocer* magazine and James "Groucho" Grochowalski, manager of the Stevensville, MI Martin's, has been named a 2020 FMI, The Food Industry Association, Store Manager Finalist.

The Top Women in Grocery Award recognizes women who are playing an integral role across all segments of the retail food industry, including store manager. Bierbaum began her career with Martin's as a cashier and filled a variety of roles until she was named a store manager in 2010.

"Donna is an exceptional store manager," said Doug Dillman, vice president operations, Martin's Super Markets. "She has an ability to lead and bring people together. She always has her team energized and focused to deliver the best shopping experience for her customers and spends a good portion of her day on the sales floor teaching, mentoring employees and visiting with her customers, while focusing on store conditions, merchandising and customer service."

Bierbaum's nomination also noted her dedication to the local community through her work supporting school programs including classroom projects, athletics, band and music performances and hosting teacher appreciation events, bus driver meetings and athletic directors in the store's community room. She will be recognized at the 2020 Top Women in Grocery Gala and Celebration, taking place Nov. 5 in Orlando, FL.

Grochowalski, or "Groucho" as he is known by his customers, joined Martin's in 1993 and has filled a variety of positions, including spending 12 years as an assistant manager of the Granger, IN location where he was involved with the Granger Business Association, the local DARE program and the National Night Out Against Crime. Most recently, he conducted a benefit for the Stevensville, MI Fire Department and raised \$1,000 for much-needed equipment. He also instituted an after-school program in the Stevensville Deli Café for nearby students.

"In addition to being one of our most customer-focused and community-minded store managers, Groucho is a firm believer of leading by example," said Dillman. "He works side by side with all employees and identifies talented employees for future professional growth." Grochowalski will be recognized with other national finalists at a future FMI leadership event.

**About SpartanNash**

SpartanNash (Nasdaq: SPTN) is a Fortune 400 company whose core businesses include distributing grocery products to a diverse group of independent and chain retailers, its corporate-owned retail stores and U.S. military commissaries and exchanges; as well as premier fresh produce distribution and fresh food processing. SpartanNash serves customer locations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Europe, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Honduras, Bahrain, Djibouti and Egypt. SpartanNash currently operates 160 supermarkets, primarily under the banners of Family Fare, Martin's Super Markets, D&W Fresh Market, VG's Grocery, Dan's Supermarket and Family Fresh Market. Through its MDV military division, SpartanNash is a leading distributor of grocery products to U.S. military commissaries.

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