## **Meijer Begins Hiring for First Supercenters in Northeast Ohio**

## Family-owned retailer creating more than 900 jobs as Cleveland-area stores prepare to open late spring

**CLEVELAND, Ohio** – Meijer has begun hiring more than 900 employees for three northeast Ohio supercenters in Avon, Mentor and Stow. The family-operated retailer announced the first Greater Cleveland stores are expected to open in late spring, expanding its presence after more than 37 years in the Buckeye State.

"Foundations are set, floors are poured, and the walls are up at each of our new Northeast Ohio stores, so every day we're a little bit closer to opening our first three locations in Greater Cleveland," Regional Vice President Tom Wilson said. "The opportunity to begin hiring for hourly positions and put together customer-focused teams is the next step in bringing our new neighbors a one-stop shopping solution. We look forward to hiring local team members who can be our future store leaders as we continue to grow in Northeast Ohio."

Known for pioneering the supercenter concept back in 1962, the family-operated company opened its first store in the state of Ohio just outside of Columbus in 1981. The retailer was the first to provide a unique offering that featured fresh produce, meat and dairy as well as a wide selection of general merchandise and customerfocused services. The retailer currently employs about 10,000 team members at 39 supercenters throughout the state of Ohio and a distribution center in Tipp City.

The full- and part-time positions available include team leaders, cashiers, cake decorators, customer service, receiving clerks and meat cutters. Ideal candidates will possess a desire to provide exceptional customer service and potentially advance their career within Meijer. The retailer offers a generous benefits package to eligible team members, including paid time off, weekly pay, flexible scheduling, paid parental leave, tuition reimbursement, and health coverage options. The starting hourly wage varies depending on experience level and specific skills.

Potential candidates can begin the hiring process by applying online at <u>https://jobs.meijer.com/</u>. Enter "Avon," "Mentor," or "Stow" in the location search field and click search. Hourly candidates can apply by clicking on the positions listed. Meijer leadership will screen applicants within the next few weeks and contact select candidates to schedule in-person interviews.

The new supercenters in Avon, Mentor and Stow will feature fresh produce, meat and dairy delivered seven days a week, as well as apparel departments, pet supplies, toys, electronics, and a garden center. The Avon store will also feature a gas station, which will open approximately one month before the store.

In addition to traditional grocery and merchandise offerings, the stores will also have a pharmacy that features a free prescription program, as well as access to clinical services and immunizations designed to promote family health.

Meijer has a strong family and corporate tradition of caring, including significant support of hunger relief and good will initiatives in the communities it serves. For example, Meijer recently provided free horse-drawn carriage rides around Cleveland's **Public Square** as part of the city's downtown **Winterfest, and made the holidays a bit brighter by providing hundreds of in-patient children at Cleveland Clinic Children's and University Hospitals' Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital.** 

The retailer gives more than 6 percent of its net profit to charitable organizations each year, and each of its stores supports a food bank through its food rescue program. Its signature hunger relief program, called *Simply* 

*Give,* has generated more than \$43 million for its food pantry partners throughout the Midwest.

**About Meijer:** Meijer is a Grand Rapids, Mich.-based retailer that operates more than 240 supercenters and grocery stores throughout Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Wisconsin. A privately-owned and family-operated company since 1934, Meijer pioneered the "one-stop shopping" concept and has evolved through the years to include expanded fresh produce and meat departments, as well as pharmacies, comprehensive apparel departments, pet departments, garden centers, toys and electronics. For additional information on Meijer, please visit <u>www.meijer.com.</u> Follow Meijer on Twitter <u>@twitter.com/Meijer</u> and <u>@twitter.com/MeijerPR</u> or become a fan at <u>www.facebook.com/meijer.</u>

## ###

For further information: Joe Hirschmugl, 616.791.3943, Joseph.Hirschmugl@meijer.com

Additional assets available online: Additional assets available online:

https://newsroom.meijer.com/2019-01-08-Meijer-Begins-Hiring-for-First-Supercenters-in-Northeast-Ohio