## **Meijer Opens Two New Supercenters in Brunswick and Canton Today**

Retailer adds fresh retail options in Medina County and Jackson Township

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.** - Meijer opened two new supercenters in northeast Ohio today, expanding its state-of-the-art retail experience that features multiple ways to shop to customers in Brunswick and Canton's Jackson Township.

The 155,000-square-foot stores are considered retail anchors in developing communities.

"These new stores are centered around convenience for the customer and reinforce our ongoing commitment to serving the needs of families at a time when everyone is looking for more convenience and flexibility to how, when and where they shop," Executive Chairman Hank Meijer said. "If we're just another retailer in the community, we're not doing our job right. We look forward to providing customers of Brunswick and Canton with a store that offers state-of-the-art solutions for their shopping needs."

Since opening its first store in the Columbus area in 1981, Meijer has invested heavily in Ohio, most recently building seven supercenters in the Greater Cleveland, Akron and Youngstown areas. In December 2021, Meijer broke ground on a new grocery market as part of the Fairfax Market mixed-use project in partnership with the City of Cleveland, Cleveland Clinic, Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation and Fairmount Properties. Additionally, the retailer maintains a Distribution Center and Dairy Processing Facility in Tipp City, employing more than 12,000 team members statewide.

The new stores feature various digital shopping solutions that Meijer customers have come to rely on over the past few years. Customer use of <u>Shop & Scan</u>, which allows shoppers to scan barcodes via a mobile app and bag their items as they shop, has made checkout easier for many customers. The stores also feature expanded areas to manage orders for <u>Meijer Home Delivery and Pickup</u> services.

Known for grocery options like more than 600 varieties of farm-fresh produce, 150 USD-certified organic items, and a full-service meat department, the new Meijer stores also offer a pharmacy and general merchandise items more often found in specialty stores. That includes everything from women's apparel – with on-trend styles in every size, on the same rack, at the same price – to beauty care, an expansive baby department and a pet department that offers 200 pet toys, 500 varieties of treats for dogs and cats and premium foods.

Since opening its first northeast Ohio stores in 2019, Meijer has supported numerous organizations in the greater-Cleveland communities where its stores are located. Additionally, Meijer has supported the Cleveland Clinic in launching mobile health units while also becoming a partner with both the Cleveland Browns and the Cleveland Guardians.

Prior to opening the doors at its new supercenters in Brunswick and Jackson Township, each of the stores demonstrated support in their respective communities last week by making a total of more than \$25,000 in donations to local organizations. The Brunswick store donated \$20,000 to the Brunswick City Schools in support of its Inclusive Playground project and \$5,000 to the Trike and Bike benefitting VeloSano, which is a series of community-organized bike rides that provide children the opportunity to help support pediatric cancer research. The Jackson Township store donated \$5,000 to the Stark County Diaper Bank, \$10,000 to the Jackson Township School District to help establish a K-6 Elementary Art Program, and \$10,000 to Jackson Township that will go towards bleachers or scoreboard at the park directly behind the new store.

Meijer donates more than 6 percent of its net profit to charitable organizations annually, and each of its stores work with local food banks and pantries to help fight hunger. Since 2008, the retailer's *Simply Give* program has generated more than \$71 million for its food pantry partners throughout the Midwest.

"We continue to bring a shopping experience based on convenience to communities in northeast Ohio that are looking for the best assortment of products for their families," Meijer President & CEO Rick Keyes said. "Our Meijer team members have worked diligently to prepare these new stores, so we look forward to providing the fresh retail option that our state-of-the-art stores provide."

**About Meijer:** Meijer is a Grand Rapids, Mich.-based retailer that operates more than 260 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 <a href="www.meijer.com">www.meijer.com</a>. Follow Meijer on Twitter <a href="www.facebook.com/meijer">www.facebook.com/meijer</a>.

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