

Meijer Recognizes Seven Team Members with Legacy Awards, Introduces New Impact Award

Legacy, Impact awards are among the highest recognitions a Meijer team member can receive

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 21, 2023 /PRNewswire/ -- Meijer announced today the winners of its 2022 Legacy Awards, recognizing seven individuals across the company for their impact on their teams, customers and communities. The company also announced recipients of its first-ever Meijer Impact award, which celebrates an exceptional team's accomplishments and extraordinary acts of service.

"While a lot about retail has changed since we opened our doors in 1934, our focus on our customers, team members and community has always endured," Executive Chairman Hank Meijer said. "The Legacy Awards are the company's highest honor, recognizing those individuals who are driving business results while living out the values our company was built on. These winners serve as role models for other team members now and in the future."

Adrian, Mich. Meijer Store Director Ben Negrón received the 2022 Fred Meijer Award, the highest-level recognition a Meijer team member can receive. This award is given annually to one individual who embodies the values and mission set forth by Fred Meijer, including leadership based in humility, generosity, and a passion for serving others.

Negrón is described as a person with a heart for the people in his family, store, and community. An active participant in his community, he founded and served as the Executive Director of Hispanics of Lenawee Alliance (HOLA) and remains active in many Hispanic community events. He also serves on the Siena Heights University Board of Trustees and Lenawee Community Foundation Board of Directors. In 2021, he received the Lenawee Leadership Award for exemplifying the quality of leadership that will determine the future of Lenawee County.

Within Meijer, Negrón serves as a member of the communication committee for one of the retailer's team member resource groups, called Mosaic, and drives team member participation at the store and market level. Mosaic supports advocacy and awareness for people of color, people with diverse backgrounds and people of different cultures and communities.

"Ben Negrón is well-respected by his Meijer team and is a dedicated advocate for the people of Adrian," Meijer said. "Community members know Ben by name, and he never misses an opportunity to engage with people in meaningful ways. His natural abilities as a relationship-builder and the way he treats everyone he encounters with dignity and respect is very reminiscent of my father Fred's legacy. It's an honor to present Ben Negrón with the Fred Meijer Award."

The company also celebrated six winners of the 2022 President's Award, which acknowledges their significant business contributions in the last year. The winners are:

- Carol Bork, Cashier at the Washington Twp. Meijer in Washington Twp., Mich.
- Amy Chan, Office Manager in the Global Sourcing Office
- Ben Hamlin, Director of Own Brand Food in Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Dave Hoover, Director of Outbound Logistics in Lansing, Mich.
- Kyle Musser, Director of Distribution in Tipp City, Ohio
- Erik Petrovskis, Director of Environmental Compliance & Sustainability in Grand Rapids, Mich.

"This year's President's Award winners are inspiring, because they demonstrate everyone has the ability to make a meaningful impact on the company's success," Meijer President & CEO Rick Keyes said. "What these individuals have in common is a commitment to living our company's values every day, the earned respect of their peers and colleagues, and a passion for making a positive impact on our business. I'm honored to recognize their accomplishments."

New this year is the Meijer Impact Award. Separate from the Legacy Awards, the Meijer Impact Award recognizes exceptional team accomplishments and extraordinary acts of service. The entire team at the Tipp City Distribution Center was recognized for their response to the June 2022 tornado that struck the facility.


Keyes recognized the team for their quick response; they only had 10 minutes to react to what became an EF-2 tornado. After everyone's safety was confirmed, the team worked swiftly to minimize any disruptions and keep product flowing to stores. They also contacted local officials to offer support and resources toward local recovery efforts.

"Their quick activation of our severe weather protocols helped ensure everyone on the complex was safe from harm that day, and for that we are grateful," Keyes said. "The Tipp City team's focus on team member safety, commitment to customers and concern for the community all underscore why they are so deserving of this recognition."

About Meijer: Meijer is a Grand Rapids, Mich.-based retailer that operates 501 supercenters, neighborhood markets, Meijer Grocery and Express locations 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 www.meijer.com. Follow Meijer on Twitter [@Meijer](https://twitter.com/Meijer) and [@MeijerPR](https://twitter.com/MeijerPR) or become a fan on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Meijer).

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