

Meijer Donation Supports Damar's Expansion Plans

\$250,000 donation will help expand and grow Damar Village

INDIANAPOLIS – Meijer announced a \$250,000 donation today to Damar Services to enhance [Damar Village](#), a high-quality, affordable living community in Indianapolis designed especially for adults living with behavioral, developmental, and intellectual disabilities.

The donation will go directly toward the organization's plans for expansion and improvement, which include a new multi-purpose activity center and community space with teaching kitchens and an indoor track space. Damar Village will unveil its expansion efforts later this year with the opening of seven new residential buildings with plans to double the number of units at its campus on the city's southwest side.

"We are incredibly thankful to Meijer for their generous support and donation to our vulnerable yet powerful community," said Dr. Jim Dalton, CEO at Damar Services, Inc. "We always strive to provide our residents with remarkable care, exceptional housing options, and countless opportunities. The impact this donation will have on building out our community is invaluable."

Meijer has invested heavily in Indiana communities since opening its first store in 1994. Once its Noblesville store opens later this year, the retailer will have 35 stores in Indiana, including 20 in the greater Indianapolis area. Throughout that time, Meijer has lived its purpose of enriching lives in the communities it serves by supporting hundreds of amazing organizations, including the Riley Children's Foundation, Indianapolis Urban League, and the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

Founder Hendrik Meijer, and his son, Fred, started Meijer nearly 90 years ago around a culture of dignity and respect that continues on today. The family-owned retailer remains committed to supporting individuals with disabilities and increasing disability awareness in the communities it serves.

"Damar is a remarkable community that creates a secure, friendly, and inclusive living environment where all feel welcome," said Crystal Anderson, Indiana Regional Vice President at Meijer. "We're grateful for the opportunity to continue growing our presence in Indianapolis and help wonderful organizations like Damar."

To learn more about Damar and its services, visit damar.org. To learn more about how Meijer has recently supported its communities, visit meijercommunity.com.

About Meijer: Meijer is a privately owned, family-operated retailer that serves customers at more than 500 supercenters, grocery stores, neighborhood markets, and express locations throughout the Midwest. As the pioneer of the one-stop shopping concept, more than 70,000 Meijer team members work hard to deliver a friendly, seamless in-store and online shopping experience featuring an assortment of fresh foods, high-quality apparel, household essentials, and health and wellness products and services. Meijer is consistently recognized as a Great Place to Work and annually donates at least 6 percent of its profit to strengthen its communities. Additional information on the company can be found by visiting newsroom.meijer.com.

About Damar Services Inc.: For more than 55 years, Damar Services has been a leader in providing services to children and adults challenged by autism and intellectual, developmental and behavioral disabilities. From its main campus on Indianapolis' southwest side, ABA autism clinics in locations across the city, and other locations across the state, Damar offers residential and community-based treatment, outpatient behavioral health services and ABA Autism Services by Damar. In addition, Damar operates two schools and provides foster care services. The Damar Village plans to open to the public in late-2024. *For more information, visit www.damar.org.*

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