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The Janes Group Wins Grocer Award

(Chillicothe, OH)—Earlier today, the Ohio Grocers Association presented its prestigious Pinnacle Award to Joe Janes & the Janes Group. The Pinnacle Award, based on operational excellence and significant contribution to Ohio's food industry, is given annually to both a small operator and a large operation.

The Janes family's involvement in the grocery business traces its roots to when Carl and Lois Janes opened the Corner Market at the corner of Blacksmith Hill and Charleston Pike in Chillicothe, OH back in 1962. Over the years, the store expanded and products were added but the quality service and exceptional offerings have stayed constant throughout the years. Current owner and President Joe Janes, grew up working in his family's grocery store. Joe returned to the business in 2000, when his parents were operating two Save-A-Lots in Chillicothe and Athens, OH.

Today, Joe is president of the Janes Group, and they have grown the operation across 16 stores throughout Ohio. The Janes Group thrives on offering a convenient shopping experience for the customer while emphasizing the importance of operating fresh produce and meat departments. Joe and his team also work hand in hand with the experienced Save-A-Lot district managers who work to make each store as successful as possible. This winning philosophy has the Janes Group primed for future successes and growth.

"I am extremely honored to recognize the Janes Group as our 2017 Pinnacle Award winner," says Kristin Mullins, President/CEO of OGA. "Joe Janes, his sister Beth Neal and their entire team have a long record of serving their communities and running outstanding grocery operations. They are most deserving of the Ohio Grocers Association's highest honor."

In addition to today's store presentation, the Janes Group will receive a special video recognition at the Ohio Grocers Annual Trade Relations Gala on April 1, 2017, at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center.

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