June 2018 Spotlight: Niles Sparkle Market

Operating for just over 36 years as of May 2018, Niles Sparkle Market is an independent, family owned grocery store in Niles, Ohio. The Sparkle Markets Inc. is celebrating 63 years of business. Niles Sparkle Market was originally built in 1965 and was renovated in 1982 when Eric and his father started operating out of the 14,000 square foot retail space.

Eric Gelsomino, 2nd generation co-owner next to his sister, Michelle, of Niles Sparkle Market, has been with the company since he was 14 years old. Both sides of Eric's family worked for an independent Sparkle Market – from his mom’s brothers and sisters and his dad’s cousins. Sparkle Markets started with roughly 30 stores that were independently owned and now are down to 5 to 6 owners of markets within the area. The owners of the markets still get together every Tuesday.

Niles Sparkle Market is known for their Italian based foods – from hot peppers, Italian sausage and all local vendors with pastas and sauces. They serve everything from pre-made pizzas, breaded hot chicken, pasta salads, and prepared meals from their deli.

With the population of 11,000 people in Niles, Ohio, grocery delivery isn’t a high priority for the community. Niles Sparkle Market is very close with the patrons of the town and support the local schools, charities and churches by providing meals and support where needed.

Sparkle Markets was named the Retailer of the Year by the Cleveland Food Dealers Association this past April. This award honors retailers for their success and achievements in the grocery industry.

OGA is proud to have Niles Sparkle Market as a long standing member and thank you for your continual support! If you’re ever in Niles, stop by Niles Sparkle Market – you’ll be welcomed with a friendly smile and helping hand! Check out their Facebook page for daily specials, recipes and company updates!