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SUPER ONE FOODS, MINER FAMILY TO RECEIVE 2024 MAC WELLES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Family Has Participated & Provided Support for More Than 3 Decades

(DULUTH, MINN.) --- Super One Foods and the Miner family have been named the 2024 recipients of the Mac Welles Award of Excellence, it was announced today by Grandma's Marathon.

The Miner family's involvement with Grandma's Marathon dates to the late 1990s, when Jim Jr. ran his first Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon – he's signed up this year for No. 24, and many other family members have also participated over the years.

As a company, Super One Foods began its sponsorship of Grandma's Marathon in 2006 and since then has been providing race support, beverages, and snacks for all the weekend's events, including at the finish line of the marathon and half marathon. The team also staffs two food stations on the racecourse, handing out fresh fruit at locations adjacent to the company's Lakeside and Plaza stores in Duluth.

"The most rewarding part is seeing how thankful each and every racer is for the support," Miner's, Inc. President Patrick Miner said. "From smiles to high fives to hugs, we've seen in it all over the years and it's what brings us all back to do it again."

The Miners are accepting the award on behalf of their extended Super One Foods family, with which they've focused on "going above and beyond" to take care of the communities they serve.

"We are incredibly humbled to be receiving this award," Patrick said. "Our family and Super One team are proud to serve our community through Grandma's Marathon, which brings out the best in all of us as we compete, volunteer, and cheer on our family and friends."

Named after longtime Grandma's Marathon employee and volunteer Mac Welles, this award is presented each year to an individual who or organization that has shown many years of dedication, commitment, and service to the continued development and growth of Grandma's Marathon.

The Miners and the rest of the Super One Foods team will officially be presented with their award on Friday, June 21 at the 2024 Grandma's Marathon Awards Luncheon at The Garden Event Center in Duluth.



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2024 – Super One Foods	2011 – David Bridges
2023 – Tom Rovinsky	2010 – Spirit Mountain Ski Patrol
2022 – Al Haeg	2009 – Sue Bussa
2020-21 – n/a	2008 – Jeff Frey
2019 – Country Hearth Bread	2007 – Leah Hulst, Sandy Brennan
2018 – Jim Kari, Peter Kolar, David Solon	2006 – Marian Holmes
2017 – Jeff Foster Trucking	2005 – Gert Belsvick
2016 – Kathy Bauer	2004 – Dan Russell
2015 – Upper Lakes Foods	2003 – Tom Ehle
2014 – Gordy Anderson, Mike Persing	2002 – Mike Krois
2013 – Duane Madison	2001 – Chester Keenan
2012 – Chris & Stephanie LaFleur	

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ABOUT GRANDMA'S MARATHON

Grandma's Marathon began in 1977 when a group of local runners planned a scenic road race from Two Harbors to Duluth, Minnesota. After seeing just 150 participants that year, the race weekend has now grown into one of the largest in the United States and welcomes more than 20,000 participants for its three-race event each June.

The race got its name from the Duluth-based group of famous Grandma's Restaurants, the first major sponsor of the marathon. In addition to the 26.2-mile race, the organization has now added the Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon and William A. Irvin 5K to its weekend offerings.

As the popularity of Grandma's Marathon has grown, our mission has stayed the same – to organize, promote, and deliver annual events and programs that cultivate running, educational, social, and charitable opportunities to our communities.

Grandma's Marathon-Duluth, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization with a nine-person, full-time staff and a 17-member Board of Directors.



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