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Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers Honors Charles Eberhardt of Community Spirits as 2023 Retailer of the Year
Owner of local Community Spirits package stores received award at the annual event on Sept. 28

Indianapolis, IN – The Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers (IABR) is proud to announce that Charles Eberhardt, owner of 19 local package liquor stores, has been named 2023 Retailer of the Year after being nominated by professional colleagues in the industry.

Charles Eberhardt's successful career, first as a local attorney and now as a package liquor store owner, makes him a respected figure in Indiana's beverage retail landscape and the Greater Indianapolis community. He has demonstrated unparalleled excellence and leadership throughout the years, providing what could only be described as 'Hoosier Hospitality' to everyone who walks through his doors. Eberhardt, who started his business in December 1995 after purchasing 16 permits, now has 19 package liquor store locations in Indianapolis, many operating under the Community Spirits name. His commitment to the industry does not start and stop within the walls of his liquor stores; as a passionate advocate for the industry, he has always stood side-by-side with his colleagues in the advancement of commonsense policies and legislation governing the entire industry.

"Charles Eberhardt embodies the values and principles that define the Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers," said Gretchen White, Executive Director of the Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers. "His efforts to promote the responsible retailing of age-restricted products and commitment to bettering the industry set him apart as a leader in the industry."

"I am truly honored to be presented the 2023 Retailer of the Year from the Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers," said Charles Eberhardt. "Since getting involved with folks in the packaged liquor store industry, I have been fortunate to meet many friends and mentors, some of whom have previously received this award. It would be remiss not to thank

my wife, Darlene Eberhardt, and the rest of the Community Spirits team in Indianapolis for the countless hours and dedication to make these stores a success.”



Charles Eberhardt pictured with his wife, Darlene Eberhardt, at the IABR annual event.

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About the Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers (IABR):

The Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers (IABR) was formed in 1936 and is the voice of the state's package liquor store industry. The association promotes responsible retailing, develops sound public policy initiatives, advocates on behalf of members, and helps create better communities with local advocates. A diverse board of package store owners from around the state help to create a sound foundation for the future of the industry.