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The United Family® Honors Lubbock Team Members at 11th Annual Leadership Awards Dinner

(LUBBOCK, Texas) – [The United Family®](#), which operates United Supermarkets, Market Street and Amigos in Lubbock, recently honored five outstanding team members at the company's 11th annual Leadership Awards dinner, including Ryan Prince, Gene and Olivia Arguello, Ganesh Kumarraja and the UCrew community service team from the Market Street store at 4425 19th Street.

Prince received the Unite Award, which recognizes a single team member across the entire company who has truly embodied the spirit of The United Family mission of ultimate service, superior performance and positive impact.

Prince, an inventory asset control supervisor, is widely regarded as a great trainer who goes above and beyond to make sure the store teams he works with are well prepared for anything that comes their way.

Everyone who has worked with Ryan agrees that he is an incredibly responsive and helpful team member," said Robert Taylor, president for The United Family. "Our store teams say the number one thing that makes him stand out is that he makes himself always available to answer questions or provide solutions."

Gene and Olivia Arguello received the award for Lubbock region Team Members of the Year, which recognizes team members in the region making a substantial impact within the community and The United Family. The Arguello's have invested a combined nearly 80 years of service to The United Family while remaining committed to the service of store guests. Gene serves as a stocker at the Market Street at 3405 50th Street, while Olivia is the bookkeeper at the United Supermarkets at 2630 Parkway Drive.

"The thing that comes up frequently in conversation about people's favorite part of their job is that The United Family is really just that – a family," said Joe Womble, regional vice president for The United Family. "Gene and Olivia are extraordinary examples of team members that

exemplify why we are able to celebrate a 100th anniversary milestone for our company, and we are so proud their family is a part of ours as well.”

The UCrew of the Year award went to the team at the Market Street at 4425 19th Street, which best demonstrated the company’s dedication to community service. This team dedicated more than 1,000 hours to various community service work in the Lubbock area last year.

“UCrew has a very special place in this company because it reflects and depicts a special alignment of our corporate culture with our individual team members,” said Chris James, chief operating officer for The United Family. “This company believes in giving back to the communities we serve, and we’re proud to have team members that make this value a priority.”

Ganesh Kumarraja received the SSC/DC Team Member of the Year, which recognizes the team member in a support department who went above and beyond in performance to the company. Kumarraja started his career with The United Family more than eight years ago as a consultant. Originally from India, and more than 9,000 miles from home, he has served as an enormous asset to his information technology department team, building systems and creating business intelligence reports that keep United on the cutting edge.

"It is no exaggeration to say that Ganesh has, and continues to make, an indelible impact on this company," said Chris St. Clair, executive vice president for information and logistics. "His expertise has left a permanent positive impact on every department that he has worked with and we are all better for having him on our team."

United has honored deserving team members with Leadership Awards each year since 2006. Recipients receive a one-of-a-kind statue designed by the company and crafted by R.S. Owens Co., maker of the Academy Awards, to reflect the spirit of a servant’s heart.

For The United Family, 2016 marks a historic year, as United Supermarkets celebrates the store’s 100th anniversary. What began as United Cash Store in Sayre, Oklahoma in 1916 has grown into a multi-banner, Texas-based grocery chain with 66 stores in 36 communities. Today, The United Family operates United Supermarkets, Market Street, Albertsons Market and Amigos grocery locations, as well as United Express fuel and convenience stores, throughout West Texas, Dallas-Fort Worth and Eastern New Mexico.

About The United Family®

In its 100th year of operation, United Supermarkets, LLC – d.b.a. [The United Family®](#) – is a Texas-based grocery chain with stores in 36 communities in West Texas, Dallas-Fort Worth and New Mexico. A self-distributing company with headquarters in Lubbock and distribution centers in Lubbock and Roanoke, The United Family currently operates 66 stores under five unique banners: [United Supermarkets](#), [Market Street](#), [Amigos](#), [Albertsons Market](#) and United Express, along with ancillary operations R.C. Taylor Distributing, Praters and Llano Logistics. The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Albertson’s LLC. For more information, please visit www.unitedtexas.com.

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