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Masters Gallery Foods Wins Safety Leader Award for Excellence in Workplace Safety

Elkhart Lake, WI, February 20, 2025—Masters Gallery Foods, Inc., a leader in the cheese packaging industry, is proud to announce that it has been awarded the prestigious *Safety Leader Award* by the Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce for its outstanding commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace.

The *Safety Leader Award* is given annually to companies that have demonstrated exceptional leadership in improving workplace safety and reducing incidents. Masters Gallery Foods' achievement is a testament to its dedication to safety protocols, training programs and the proactive measures put in place to protect employees and visitors.

“We are honored to receive this recognition,” said Paul Rutledge, VP-Risk & Loss Control of Masters Gallery Foods. “At Masters Gallery Foods, safety is a value within the organization. This award reflects the collective efforts of our employees, safety teams and leadership in making sure that safety isn’t just a policy, but a core part of our culture.”

This award not only highlights the company’s leadership in safety but also strengthens its position as an employer of choice, where employees can feel secure and supported in their work environment.

“We believe that a safe workplace is the foundation for success, and we take pride in providing an environment where our team can thrive without compromising their health or safety,” Jerome Caelwaerts, Safety Manager at Masters Gallery Foods, added.

Additionally, Masters Gallery Foods, in collaboration with the Sheboygan County Economic Development Corporation (SCEDC), Johnsonville, Sargento, and Kohler Co., were presented with the *Working Together Award* for their partnership in developing the Sheboygan County Live Work Housing Program. This program was created through the public-private partnership of the four family-held companies that donated a total of \$8,000,000 into the Forward Fund. Sheboygan County provided an additional \$2,000,000 through allocation of American Rescue Plan Act

(ARPA) funding to support the development of entry-level homes. In addition, the SCEDC created partnerships with four state banks located in Sheboygan County to finance the construction of homes. Through this collaboration and funding, the Live Work Housing Program has been recognized statewide and nationally as a best practice in addressing local housing needs.

The *Safety Leader Award* and the *Working Together Award* were presented at the Sheboygan County Chamber Gala on February 20th. This year, the gala hosted over 750 attendees from across the county at The Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI, to celebrate the many successes in the county over the last year.

For more information on Masters Gallery Foods, please visit www.mastersgalleryfoods.com.

About Masters Gallery Foods

Founded in 1974, Masters Gallery Foods is a family-owned cheese packaging and distribution company with facilities in Plymouth and Oostburg, Wisconsin. The company serves private brand retail and food service customers, as well as wholesale distributors across the United States. Additionally, Masters Gallery Foods provides bulk cheese to converters, food manufacturers, and cheese ingredient users worldwide. The company is committed to providing high-quality cheese products and exceptional customer service, while positively impacting the lives of its employees, partners, and communities.

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