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Novak Construction Enhances Whole Foods Expansion

Whole Foods Market® Breaks Bread with Elmhurst Neighbors

CHICAGO, June 1, 2015 / -- Devoted foodies in this western suburb now have the opportunity to shop for fresh, high quality foods in a new 50,000 square foot contemporary setting as Whole Foods Market® opened its doors in Elmhurst on May 27th (215 South Illinois Route 83). This marks Novak's fifth of seven Whole Foods Market remodels to open in the greater Chicagoland this year. As one of Whole Foods Market's primary general contractors in the Midwest, Novak Construction Company has performed nearly 30 remodels and ground-up projects for this high-end grocer, and the Elmhurst store represents its 27th.

Team Novak was present at Whole Foods' "Bread-Breaking" ceremony – this time with Mayor Steven M. Morley, Whole Foods Market Team Members, Michael Bashaw and Michael Sweatt, and over 200 from the Elmhurst community, which represented the largest opening in Illinois for this upscale grocer thus far.

New to this location are rotating taps of specialty beers, gelato shakes and sundaes, waffles, in-house made donuts, and a canteen juice bar. According to Karen Rugh, Project Manager, and Fred Erickson, Lead Superintendent, the scope included splitting the prior Dominick's space in half (for WFM and a future retail tenant); a new front façade; and, Whole Foods Market's Midwest test kitchen space (to test new recipes for all stores). Erickson, who has worked on more than half of the Whole Foods projects, noted that, "Novak is fortunate to work with such an incredible client. We appreciate every size project. We simply want to take care of Whole Foods, period."

"Our integrated processes put the client at the center so that both their needs and point of view drive every decision we make," added Novak Project Director, Steve Bykowski.

Novak's Founder/President, John Novak, sums up the relationship with Whole Foods by saying, "Our partnership with Whole Foods Market extends beyond the brick and mortar of the store. You cannot put a price on these shared values – trust, respect and caring for the individuals of both organizations."

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