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**MOLLIE STONE'S CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF INDEPENDENT INNOVATION,
COMMUNITY COMMITMENT, AND BAY AREA ROOTS**

[Mill Valley, CA] - Mollie Stone's Markets proudly announces its 40th Anniversary, marking four decades as a family-owned, independent grocer deeply rooted in the communities it serves. Since opening its doors in 1986, Mollie Stone's has grown to become one of the Bay Area's largest independent grocery operators — while staying true to its founding mission: "Make a difference in people's lives through food."

From its earliest days as one of Northern California's largest natural foods markets, Mollie Stone's has evolved into a beloved Bay Area institution while maintaining its core values of integrity, passion, teamwork, and community support. They have blended the personal touch of a true neighborhood market with forward-thinking concepts that have reshaped the grocery experience. Mollie Stone's Markets was the first grocery store in the world to have an in-store Starbucks. Bringing coffee culture into the supermarket long before it became an industry standard. They pioneered in-store childcare programs to make shopping easier for busy families and even introduced animatronics into its markets — transforming ordinary shopping trips into memorable experiences for families across the Bay Area. At the same time, Mollie Stone's has never lost sight of old-fashioned service, continuing the tradition of offering rides home to customers in need on the "Mollie Bus." This balance of innovation and personal care reflects the company's enduring philosophy that pairs innovation with genuine, heartfelt service.

From the beginning, Mollie Stone's has emphasized people first — not just customers, but employees. The company offers industry-leading wages, paid time off, health benefits, pension plans, and career training opportunities for its workforce. These partnerships reflect a commitment to being an employer of choice and helping build career pathways for team members throughout its Bay Area markets.

Mollie Stone's believes a grocery store should be more than a place to shop — it should be a pillar of the community. From supporting local farmers, artisans, and Bay Area producers to contributing to nonprofit organizations, schools, and neighborhood initiatives, the company has consistently invested in the communities it serves. Mollie Stone's has helped generate thousands of local jobs, partnered with regional food banks and charitable programs, and provided meaningful career opportunities for team members across its markets. Whether through local sourcing, charitable giving, or long-standing relationships with customers and employees, Mollie Stone's has built its legacy not just on retail success, but on strengthening the fabric of the neighborhoods it calls home.

“When we opened our first store in 1986, our goal wasn’t to be the biggest — it was to be the best we could be,” said Mike Stone, Founder and CEO of Mollie Stone’s Markets. “Forty years later, that commitment to service, quality, and community still guides everything we do. I’m incredibly proud of our employees, many of whom have built their careers with us, and deeply grateful to the customers and communities who have supported us for generations. This anniversary belongs to them as much as it does to us.”

As Mollie Stone’s looks ahead to the next 40 years, the company remains committed to the same principles that guided its founding — supporting local producers, creating meaningful careers for employees, and delivering a neighborhood grocery experience rooted in quality, service, and community connection. Anniversary celebrations and special events will be announced throughout the year as Mollie Stone’s marks this milestone with the customers, suppliers, and communities who helped build it.

About Mollie Stone's Markets

Founded in 1986, Mollie Stone's Markets is a family-owned grocer with 8 locations throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The company is committed to providing the highest quality products and exceptional customer service, with a focus on fresh, local, and organic offerings. Mollie Stone's Markets is also deeply involved in the communities it serves, supporting local organizations and initiatives. Go to molliestones.com for more information about the stores.