

# Global Gazette

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#### Quote of the Month:

*"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."*  
— Henry Ford



### May: Neurodiversity at Work

In our latest workshop, our team explored neurodiversity, an umbrella term that includes a range of neurological differences that affect how people think, learn, and communicate. In our workshop, we focused on how these differences show up in the workplace and how small adjustments from managers and peers can make a big impact. By being thoughtful and flexible in how we communicate, we help create an environment where everyone can do their best work. This mindset is important not just internally, but across our global network of partners and teams. Recognizing and respecting different communication styles helps us collaborate more effectively and build stronger working relationships. Fostering this kind of inclusion strengthens our company culture and leads to better outcomes for everyone involved. We also addressed the common misconception that neurodivergent individuals cannot succeed in traditional settings. In reality, many thrive in a wide range of industries and bring unique skills and innovation to their work. To support this focus, our team voted to donate to the [Steven Spectrum Career Project](#), a nonprofit that provides career resources, mentorship, and job support to empower neurodivergent individuals to succeed.

# Celebrating Partnerships That Fight Hunger



This May, we were proud to support Northern Illinois Food Bank as both a sponsor and active participant in two impactful events: the Fight Hunger 10K and 5K and the 13th Annual A Taste That Matters. These events bring vital attention to food insecurity in our region and help ensure families across Northern Illinois have access to the food they need.

The Fight Hunger 5K was especially meaningful for us as we had a team of Global employees, friends, and family come out to walk and run together. It was a special way to extend our culture beyond the workplace and into our personal lives while rallying around a mission that unites us all. With more than 1,600 participants and over 100 volunteers, the event raised more than 305,600 dollars, enough to provide nearly 2.5 million dollars in groceries for local families.



Later in the month, A Taste That Matters brought together over 600 attendees for an evening of food, connection, and shared purpose. Thanks to generous sponsors and supporters, the event raised over 430,000 dollars which will provide more than 3.4 million dollars in groceries to communities across 13 counties. As a food brokerage firm, it was powerful to see both our retail and vendor partners Jewel Osco and La Preferida there in support of the same cause. Coming together outside of the workplace reminded us what a strong sense of community exists within our industry and how much impact we can have when we show up together. We are proud to continue supporting Northern Illinois Food Bank and the work they do to ensure everyone has access to nutritious food and the opportunity to thrive.





# Celebrating Cinco de Mayo with Jewel Osco

The spirit of Cinco de Mayo was alive and well at Jewel-Osco across three store locations. With live mariachi music, raffles, sampling, and free flowers for moms, the events brought excitement and joy to shoppers while highlighting the importance of community and culture.



We were proud to see several of our vendor partners featured, including La Preferida, Topo Chico, and Gamesa. Organized with support from GT Universe, these events were a great opportunity to connect with shoppers and showcase these diverse brands in a vibrant and meaningful way.



Events like these remind us how impactful it can be when retailers, brands, and brokers come together around a shared mission. It's inspiring to be part of a community that values connection and collaboration to strengthen our industry and support one another.

## Aruba Insights and Export Momentum

Building strong, personal relationships is essential to our success, which is why Terri, our Export Territory Sales Manager, recently traveled to Aruba to visit key retail partners including Ling & Sons, Do It Center, Super Food, and CMart. These regional visits are an important part of how we do business. They provide personalized business reviews, time to walk the store floor together, and the opportunity to continue being the hands-on and collaborative partner you can count on.

During this trip, we saw exciting momentum, including strong sales growth, new category discussions, and growing interest in brands like Cadia. We are looking forward to continuing those conversations and deepening our partnerships in person at the upcoming Holiday Show in Chicago this June. It is always a highlight to host many of you locally, walk the show floor together, and share what is next as we keep growing together.

