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## **Napa Café Owner Glenda Hastings Wins 2018 SPARK Award's Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement**

*The SPARK Awards is a prestigious annual awards ceremony that celebrates and recognizes the efforts of individuals and organizations making a positive impact in Memphis*

**MEMPHIS, TENN., December 10, 2018** – Napa Café owner Glenda Hastings was recently named as the 2018 SPARK Award's Legacy Winner for Lifetime Achievement. The prestigious annual awards ceremony recognizes the efforts of individuals, nonprofits, corporations, and schools in 13 different categories who are igniting change and making a positive impact in the Greater Memphis community. The 2018 winners were announced at an awards ceremony which aired on WKNO-TV on December 10.

"I am humbled and excited to be recognized by the community to receive the Legacy Spark Award for Lifetime Achievement as a leader that is igniting change and benefitting our community," said Glenda Hastings, owner of Napa Café. "Over the past 15 years, we have sought to make a difference in our community and in the lives of others. It is humbling to know that, with the help of my amazing staff and supporters, we are benefitting the community one delicious meal at a time."

Hastings has turned Napa Café into a business synonymous with giving back. She is the founder of Heart Full of Soul, a fundraiser for Memphis' STAX Music Academy, which includes a multi-course gourmet dinner at Napa Café paired with wines and live music performed throughout the night by SMA students. This past November, Heart Full of Soul raised over \$60,000. Cumulatively she has raised nearly a quarter of a million dollars for the nonprofit and raised awareness of Soulsville's mission as well as given the kids a venue to display their talents to help their own school. Hastings is also the founder of Donna's Table, a free, family-style Thanksgiving feast served to those in need. With the help of approximately 50 volunteers, Hastings has hosted more than 145 diners at Donna's Table events inside Napa Café. Outside of Napa Café, Hastings serves as a board member of Angel Street Memphis and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Memphis. Hastings is also a proud supporter of Carpenter Art Garden located in Binghampton, where Napa Café is supplied with fresh, locally grown vegetables to include in many of their menu items.

A recipient of the Memphis Business Journal's Super Woman in Business award, Hastings' restaurant has also received numerous awards and accolades, including Best Wine List, and Best Restaurant, Best Service, Best Desserts, Best Salads and the Award of Excellence for Best Atmosphere in

Memphis Magazine's Restaurant Readers' Poll. Napa Cafe has also earned Wine Spectator Magazine's coveted Award of Excellence for 15 years in a row.

Public Nominations for the fifth annual SPARK Awards were accepted until August 31, 2018. Committees from the Midtown Memphis Rotary Club reviewed nominations and selected the finalists and winners in each category based on their philanthropic leadership, volunteerism, and activation/impact within the Memphis Metro Area.

The SPARK Awards is produced by WKNO-TV and cityCURRENT with sponsorship from: Lipscomb & Pitts Insurance, Data Facts, and Champion Awards & Apparel. Additional funding is provided by: Christian Brothers University, SRVS, My Town Movers/My Town Roofing/My Town Miracles, United Way of the Mid-South and Mueller Industries. Promotional and in-kind supporters include Nolans AV and Mahaffey Tent & Event Rentals.

## PHOTOS:



Jeremy C. Park, CEO of cityCURRENT, presents the 2018 SPARK Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement to Glenda Hastings, owner of Napa Cafe.

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## **About Napa Café:**

A neighborhood favorite since 1998, Napa Café has become a top Memphis dining destination over the past 20 years. Tucked away in a secluded corner of Sanderlin Centré, conveniently located in the heart of the city in East Memphis, we invite you to experience distinctive cuisine amidst refined yet inviting surroundings – warm color schemes, muted lighting and captivating artwork.

Napa Cafe has been awarded the Gold Medal for Best Wine List, and Silver Medals for Best Restaurant, Best Service, Best Desserts, Best Salads, and received the Award of Excellence for Best

Atmosphere in Memphis Magazine's Restaurant Readers' Poll. Napa Cafe has also earned Wine Spectator magazine's coveted Award of Excellence for fifteen years in a row.

Napa Cafe is ideal for intimate dining, after work cocktails at the bar, family gatherings and special occasions or business meetings. Arrangements can be made for private or event dining in either the wine cellar, Jan's room or either of our spacious private dining rooms.

The owner, Glenda Hastings, has a steady and joyful presence in the restaurant at all times to greet and share life stories with new and returning guests- many who have become extended family for her. Guests can always expect excellence, special attention if you're celebrating a special occasion and always, a very warm welcome when you walk through the doors. For more information visit: <http://www.napacafe.com/>.

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