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### **Marc Ost Receives NCPA Foundation's NARD Ownership Award**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Oct. 2, 2022)** – Marc Ost, co-owner of Eric's RX Shoppe in Horsham, Pa., has received the 2022 NARD Ownership Award from the National Community Pharmacists Association Foundation as part of NCPA's Annual Convention, which was held Oct. 1-4.

The NARD Ownership Award recognizes an independent community pharmacy owner who embraces entrepreneurial spirit through promotion and demonstrated excellence in the field of community pharmacy ownership. NARD, or the National Association of Retail Druggists, was for a century the name associated with independent pharmacy. The organization was founded in 1898, and now as NCPA, represents the nation's community pharmacy owners.

Ost has dedicated much time and resources to improving the business of community pharmacy. He graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in business administration and worked in the sports industry for more than seven years after college. In 2012, he joined his father at Philadelphia Pharmacy and in 2019, took over as a co-owner of Eric's RX Shoppe.

Ost serves on the board of directors of the BucksMont Pharmacy Association and the board of the Philadelphia Association of Retail Druggists. He is involved with multiple Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association committees and is on the 2021-22 NCPA Executive Committee on Developing Opportunities. Believing that advocacy is an important way to advance the pharmacy profession, Ost has been involved at both the state and federal level with many elected officials. In August, for example, Eric's RX Shoppe hosted Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa.) and Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-Pa.) on separate occasions to discuss independent pharmacy's role as a health care safety net for patients. Ost lives in Montgomery County, Pa., with his wife, Aziza, and children Alaina and Stanley.

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