## Papa Gino's and D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches Now Under One Roof in Gardner

Restaurant Donates First Day Sales of Almost \$4,000 to Gardner Community Action Committee; Conversion Marks Return of D'Angelo to Gardner

**Dedham, MA (December 9, 2021):** New England Authentic Eats LLC, the parent company of Papa Gino's and D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches, recently announced that the two iconic New England brands have joined together under one roof in Gardner, Massachusetts. Open to guests as of December 6, the Papa Gino's location at 326 Timpany Blvd has been transformed with a newly expanded menu that includes great-tasting D'Angelo classics such as Grilled Sandwiches, Hot Soups, and Salads topped with signature Grilled Chicken or Steak.

"D'Angelo has been a neighborhood favorite in the Gardner community for so long, and so has Papa Gino's," said Deena McKinley, CMO of Papa Gino's and D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches. "It just made sense to bring these two New England classics together with a fresh new look, where the residents of Gardner and the surrounding communities can come in and experience the deliciousness each brand has to offer."

As an expression of the restaurants' gratitude and commitment to the Gardner community, Papa Gino's and D'Angelo donated 100 percent of the proceeds from all orders placed on December 6, totaling \$3,961.10, to the Gardner Community Action Committee (Gardner CAC), an organization committed to serving those facing poverty through a variety of programs and resources.

The donation will be used to support the Gardner CAC's initiatives, including funding the organization's food pantry, Christmas toys for children, and emergency assistance with rent, mortgage and heating.

"The generous support from Papa Gino's and D'Angelo will go directly to helping the families of Gardner," said Julie Meehan, Executive Director of the Gardner CAC. "The people we serve are struggling to meet basic needs due to the increase in heating oil, fuel and food prices. All of us at the Gardner CAC are so appreciative of Papa Gino's and D'Angelo selecting us and trusting us to assist our community. The relief that families

and individuals will have, knowing that the choice of 'heating or eating' has been lifted, is wonderful."

D'Angelo joins the longstanding Papa Gino's, which has served the neighborhood for over 49 years. The conversion also marks the return of D'Angelo to Gardner, following the closure of the town's D'Angelo earlier this year in August.

"Bringing D'Angelo back to Gardner was always a priority for us and unifying it with the town's existing Papa Gino's felt like the perfect way to do it," said Tom Sterrett, CEO and President of Papa Gino's and D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches. "We know the Gardner community will appreciate having this beloved sandwich shop return to their neighborhood with a refreshed format and a menu that will offer all their must-have favorites from Papa Gino's and D'Angelo."

## **About Papa Gino's**

Founded in 1961 and celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, <u>Papa Gino's Pizzeria</u> is a proud New England staple with a heritage of serving high quality, handmade pizzas with fresh ingredients and an over 80-year-old Italian family recipe. From a single restaurant in East Boston, Papa Gino's has expanded to nearly 100 restaurants in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. Follow Papa Gino's on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

<u>D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches</u> is a chain of 83 neighborhoodstyle sandwich shops found throughout New England in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Founded in 1967 in Dedham, MA, D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches serves various kinds of Grilled, Hot and Deli Sandwiches, Rice & Grain Bowls, Lobster-Based Dishes, Grilled Topped Salads, Wraps and Hot Soups. Famous for its Steak & Cheese Sandwiches, the company's grilled sandwich Number 9® was called "the finest fast-food sandwich in the land" in a <u>Bloomberg</u> News column. Follow D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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