

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **WAVE AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN MONDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**WHAT:** Experience Grand Rapids and the Kent County Hospitality Association announced today the opening of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual WAVE Award nominations. This annual awards program recognizes outstanding service providers in the Grand Rapids and Kent County hospitality industry. Nominations will be accepted from hospitality managers and supervisors from August 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

One award will be presented in each of the following categories:

- Retail & Service
- Attractions/Events
- Restaurants/Breweries
- Lodging- less than 150 Rooms
- Lodging- 150 plus Rooms
- Volunteer in Hospitality

Winners will be chosen by a selection committee of hospitality industry professionals and recognized at the Impacting Hospitality Celebration that kicks off the 2016 International Wine, Beer, & Food Festival on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Employers, nominees and guests are all encouraged to attend this event.

**WHEN: WAVE AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN  
AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> TO SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 2016**

More information about the WAVE Awards is available at  
<http://www.experiencegr.com/wave-awards/nominations/>