

ANDY MARSHALLOwner, A. Marshall Hospitality

A Tennessee native, Andy Marshall grew up in the grocery business. At age 26, he purchased his first grocery store – an investment that quickly led to four additional locations, and his being named President of the Tennessee Grocers Association and the Piggly Wiggly Association.

In 1998, Marshall sold those stores and bought Puckett's, a small grocery store in the village of Leiper's Fork, Tenn. He launched a formal dinner and music program to enhance the shop and complement the town's roots.

Today, Marshall has expanded A. Marshall Hospitality to encompass Puckett's Gro. locations in downtown Franklin, downtown Nashville, downtown Columbia, downtown Chattanooga, and downtown Murfreesboro; Puckett's Boat House in downtown Franklin; Puckett's Trolley, the brand's mobile food venue; Puckett's Events & Catering; Scout's Pub, an upscale modern pub concept in the Franklin community of Westhaven; and Deacon's New South, a Southern steakhouse that features elevated, chef-curated dishes with a focus on high-quality cuts of meat dry-aged onsite and hints of flavors and techniques from around the world. Each family-owned eatery focuses on providing friends new and old with home-cooked food and Southern hospitality, the Marshall way.

In July 2016, A. Marshall Hospitality opened Hattie Jane's Creamery, an artisan ice cream shop adjacent to the Puckett's Gro. in downtown Columbia, The second location of Hattie Jane's opened in downtown Murfreesboro, Tenn. alongside the Puckett's Gro., in early 2017.

A. Marshall Hospitality recently announced plans to open its sixth outpost of Puckett's Gro. & Restaurant in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. later this year.

In 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, A. Marshall Hospitality was recognized on the *Inc.* 5000 list of America's fastest-growing private companies. The company was also was awarded the Nashville Business Journal's Best in Business award in 2015 and 2018.

In 2014, 2015 and 2016 Andy Marshall received the *Nashville Business Journal*'s Williamson County IMPACT award. In 2015, 2016 and 2017, the publication also recognized him as one of Nashville's Most Admired CEOs.

In addition to keeping up with his restaurants, Marshall finds time to be involved with his community. He was the president of the Downtown Franklin Association for four years, an executive board member of the Heritage Foundation of Franklin & Williamson County, and a board member of the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce.

He currently serves as the vice president of the Franklin Theatre and is on the board of One Williamson One Chamber. He is also involved in the Franklin High Culinary Arts Program as the culinary advisor. The Puckett's family of restaurants are all members of the statewide Tennessee Hospitality and Tourism Association, and Marshall sits on its board and is a member of its Education Scholarship Committee.

Marshall has also won several professional awards including Nashville Business Journal's 2014, 2015 and 2016 Williamson County Impact Award, Small Business of the Year in Hopkinsville for two years in a row, and the National Spirit of America Award for Entrepreneurship.

He was named the 2017 Restaurateur of the Year by the Tennessee Hospitality and Tourism Association and was a 2017 recipient of the Joe M. Rodgers Spirit of America Award, presented by his alma mater, Middle Tennessee State University.

He received the 2017 state-level Friend of Extension award from Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP), a national leadership organization which governs the local and statewide extensions of state universities' agriculture branches. The Friend of Extension award is the highest honor presented to a non-Extension member.

In 2019, Marshall was presented with a resolution from the Tennessee General Assembly recognizing his services to the citizens of Tennessee. He was also honored with the Ed Moody Award of Excellence by Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee (BGCMT).

Marshall and his wife Jan have been married for 30 years, and reside in Franklin, Tenn. They have three children: Claire, Chief Operating Officer for A. Marshall Hospitality, who is married to Tyler Crowell; Emily, executive assistant to Marshall; and Cliff, who is a manager at Puckett's Gro. in Nashville.