

Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts have an abundance of talented professionals and business leaders who are an esteemed part of our community. Get to know some of these *Faces of Rhode Island*.

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# THE FACES OF Concierge Banking

SPECIAL PROMOTION

Dorothy Zahir, Diogo Ventura, William Eaddy, Christine Hayes, Crystal Souza, Travis Hall, Jessica Almeida Admirals Bespoke Banking

Bespoke Banking: Banking tailored to fit the client's needs. Since 2011, the Admirals Bespoke Banking Group has set the standard for private, high-end banking in New England, serving more than 660 clients with a portfolio of more than \$250 million under management. This traditional, yet innovative style of banking allows the group to accommodate a wide range of client requests. From in-person deposit pick-ups and cash and foreign currency deliveries, to on-demand mobile banking, the experience is personalized to each client. Christine Hayes, Vice President and Director of Retail Banking at Admirals Bank, has more than twenty-five years of experience as a leader in retail banking and customer service. Her team of Relationship Banking Officers have decades of expertise in the world of high-touch, full-service banking. The concept is simple: Banking should be on the client's terms, and they pride themselves on delivering this unique approach to concierge banking.

15 Park Row West, Providence, 248-7327, admiralsbank.com/bespoke-banking/home



# THE FACES OF Custom Jewelry

#### **Baxter's Fine Jewelry**

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At Baxter's, you'll find Rhode Island's dream team of custom jewelry. When you enter our showroom, behind a large window looking out onto the floor is a master jeweler who created pieces for iconic, European luxury jewelry brands. At the counter, examining a family diamond a customer wants fashioned into a new engagement ring, is a designer who trained at London's prestigious Central School of Art and Design.



For many years, their jewelers have brought inspiration, creativity and extraordinary skill to the creation of one-of-a-kind rings, necklaces, earrings and bracelets. No one else in Rhode Island has provided custom jewelry longer than Baxter's.

Whether they're giving new life to an old piece or creating something from scratch, all of Baxter's custom work is fabricated on site. Their designers begin with a pencil sketch and turn it into a highly detailed, 3-D rendering. From there they create a wax model so the customer can see exactly what the finished piece will look like. Then they cast and hand finish the setting and set the stones. In addition to their experience, Baxter's has invested in laser welding, laser engraving and micro-setting technologies. These give their custom dream team the ability to design pieces that would otherwise be impossible to create. If you're thinking of having a custom piece made, they invite you to stop in. They'll walk you through their portfolio, discuss your idea or vision, and explain the process and pricing. Very quickly you'll understand why Baxter's is Rhode Island's first choice for custom jewelry.

200 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, 739-8222, BaxtersJewelry.com



## THE FACES OF Newport Preservation Leadership David B. Ford, William P. Egan II, Merrill W. Sherman, Carol J. Epstein, Donald O. Ross, Chairman, The Preservation Society of Newport County

For more than seventy years, the trustees of The Preservation Society of Newport County have been leading the way in the field of historic preservation in Newport and Rhode Island. The work done under their leadership has set national and international standards for conservation activism, advocacy and practice. They oversee eleven historic sites, seven of them National Historic Landmarks.



These include The Breakers (1895), Chateau-sur-Mer (1852), Chepstow (1861), The Elms (1901), Green Animals Topiary Garden (c. 1860), Hunter House (c. 1748), Isaac Bell House (1883), Kingscote (1841), Marble House (1892) and Rosecliff (1902).

These architectural, landscape and decorative arts treasures receive nearly a million visits every year. The Breakers is one of the ten most visited historic houses in America and the Newport Mansions together are among the four most visited museums in New England. That makes the Preservation Society a powerful economic engine; each year more than \$109 million flows into the Newport economy as a result of the Preservation Society's operations. Today's trustees govern a nonprofit institution that is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and financially sound, forward-looking and innovative. Composed of Newport and Aquidneck Island residents, the board has international reach in a wide range of fields. The recently adopted five- year strategic plan lays out goals for continuous improvement in the protection and interpretation of the properties of the Preservation Society, increased academic research and greater community engagement. To learn more about this board and its activities, visit the properties of The Preservation Society of Newport County or visit us at www.newportmansions.org/about-us/our-board.

424 Bellevue Ave., Newport, 847-1000, NewportMansions.org



## THE FACE OF Fashion Retail

#### **Giovanni Feroce, Chairman and CEO, BENRUS**

Giovanni Feroce is the acclaimed American entrepreneur - and patriot - whose creativity, insight, professional discipline and personal courage have helped reshape the economies of a state, a region and ultimately a nation. A retired U.S. Army field grade officer and Middle East combat veteran, Feroce served Rhode Island as state senator and Lottery Commissioner. In 2010 Feroce became CEO of Alex and Ani, which in three years he took from \$2.2 million to \$230 million in annual revenues. In 2014 Feroce purchased BENRUS LLC, the iconic American brand created in 1921. Under Feroce's unique, impassioned leadership, BENRUS is on its way to becoming a multi-billion-dollar, military-inspired lifestyle brand headquartered in Rhode Island. Giovanni Feroce - the name is synonymous with unwavering loyalty to country, family, employees and the American Dream. And with success. A graduate of URI and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School Advanced Management Program, Feroce makes his home in Newport.

39 Pike St., Providence, 632-4500, BENRUS.com

## THE FACE OF Branding

#### Michael Mota, CEO, ATOM Media Group

Usually, "overnight success" occurs after years of hard work, personal sacrifice and professional achievement experienced below the public radar. Look up the term in Webster's and see the face of Michael Mota, CEO of ATOM Media Group. As Seven Swords Media's Vice-President of Business Development, Michael helped take Alex and Ani from roughly \$1 million to more than \$200 million in annual revenues, and Seven Swords from \$500K to \$20 million-plus - accomplishments prominently recognized in INC. Magazine. Michael has led ATOM to record-setting growth in its first year. The full service advertising/marketing/public relations agency headquartered in Providence's Hanley Building boasts an international clientele (BENRUS, Benjamin Moore, FAMARS, BMAX, Sasha Liv, the Jeffrey Osborne Classic, The Preserve, Imperial Pearl, etc.) drawn to ATOM's combination of out-of-the-box creativity and mastery of traditional forms that is forcing a recalibration of its industry's standards.

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Michael Mota - the face of branding in Rhode Island.

56 Pine St., Providence, 426-2014, atommediagroup.com



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# THE FACES OF Financial Advice Donald Sowa, CFP®, AIF®, President, Sowa Financial Group, Inc.

After three decades, Sowa Financial Group has become one of the most recognized names in personal finance throughout southern New England. Donald Sowa and his team of CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® professionals - Steven Beauvais, CFP® and Donna Sowa Allard, CFP®, AIF® - offer investment advice, retirement planning and fee-based asset management to individuals and small business owners seeking greater control over their financial lives. Sowa Financial Group has built a reputation as a trusted resource for the investment community both in practice, and in the media. As hosts of the "Money Talk" radio program, the Sowa Financial Group team has spent the last twenty-five years holding their "last meeting of the day" with their dedicated listeners, weeknights at 5 p.m. on AM790.

#### 14 Breakneck Hill Rd., Ste. 202, Lincoln, 434-8090, sowafinancial.com

The Financial Advisors of Sowa Financial Group offer securities through Commonwealth Financial Network, Member FINRA/SIPC. Advisory services offered through Sowa Financial Group are separate and unrelated to Commonwealth.





## THE FACES OF \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mercedes-Benz

## Matt Brawn, Rocco Desimone, Dan Rickerman, Tim Scamporino and Frank Calcagni, Mercedes-Benz of Warwick

At Mercedes-Benz of Warwick they care! They will be by your side every step up of the way, starting with their executive sales team led by Frank Calcagni with his forty-three years of experience. After your vehicle is selected, their new car sales manager, Tim, will ensure you get the most value for your dollar without sacrificing an ounce of luxury. Rocco and the financial services team will then complete a financial package prepared specially for you. Finally, return to their state-of-the-art facility where you will be greeted by Matt who will deliver a world-class service experience that will bring you back many times over the lifetime of your vehicle. Mercedes-Benz of Warwick is not just a car dealership. With more than 100 years of combined experience, they are the face for all of your automotive needs. Dan Rickerman, General Manager, guarantees your visit to be nothing short of exceptional. They hope to see you soon. A PENSKE Automotive Dealership.

1557 Bald Hill Rd., Warwick, 877-361-2955, MercedesBenzOfWarwick.com



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## THE FACE OF Sahag Dry Cutting Arous, Owner, Arous Studio

East Greenwich-based hair stylist Arous is the lead educator at the Sahag Academy, the Manhattan workshop founded by legendary stylist John Sahag. The Sahag Dry Cutting Method gives stylists the ability to capture the intended shape of a person's hair, revealing his or her beauty with a unique and eternally modern look. Arous trains and certifies stylists in the Sahag Dry Cutting Method in New York and nationwide, putting the art of haircutting back into their hands. And when she is not teaching others, she performs her own hair artistry at the Sahag Workshop and right here in Rhode Island - in her salon, at destination weddings and celebrations, and as a concierge service. "Every cut is a journey of creativity and discovery," Arous says. "I want my clients to discover a fabulous look that they can effortlessly maintain."

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## THE FACE OF Home Sales

## Allen B. Gammons, Jr., Broker/Owner, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Gammons Realty

Allen Gammons, Jr. has been active in the New England real estate market for the nearly twenty-four years. The broker/owner of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Gammons Realty, he and his team of fifty-five agents have created a successful company with longstanding community ties. Throughout his career, Allen has been a proven top performer in his markets. He has been named one of the top 100 Realtors in the United States in sales volume and transaction counts by the National Association of Realtors multiple times over his career. Allen's clients appreciate his extensive knowledge of the current housing market trends and his expert skills as a negotiator on their behalf. He is passionate about real estate and helping buyers and sellers achieve their goals.

461 Main St., East Greenwich, 886-6100, bhhsgammonsrealty.com



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# THE FACE OF Airport Transportation

### Rachel Carvalho, Owner, Rachel's Big City Transportation

Seven years ago, Rachel Carvalho started out as a taxi driver in the great city of Providence. She was surprised by the number of visitors that commented about never having been in a taxi with a female driver before. Fortunately, Rhode Island has numerous female taxi and limo drivers. As a driver, she truly enjoys meeting people from all over the world and experiencing the wonderful sights of New England. In 2011, she opened Rachel's Big City Transportation. Her goal from the beginning was to give customers reliable transportation service for a reasonable price. The majority of her rides are to and from the Providence Airport. In addition, she offers a service to Logan Airport in Boston and JFK International Airport in New York. Sometimes on the weekends, there are rides to concerts, sporting events, casinos and weddings. Overall, she is truly grateful for the thousands of passengers that have trusted and relied on Rachel's for their transportation needs.

Providence, 219-9187, rbctransportation@gmail.com, RachelsTransportation.com



## THE FACES OF Kitchen and Bath Remodeling Rita and Kevin Beck, Owners Cumberland Kitchen and Bath Design Center

Rita and Kevin know what it takes to run an organized kitchen and bath remodel. Shopping for a kitchen or bath is not an easy task for the consumer. Considerations include color matching, quality, the design itself and whether your designer is creating a functional kitchen or bath that will truly meet your needs. Then there's the most crucial decision: Do you feel comfortable and trust the designer and the company you will be doing business with? Once Cumberland Kitchen helps you make all the decisions that need to be made, your designer will be working with you one on one throughout the entire project, which will translate into a much better customer experience. With more than twenty years of experience in business, we understand it takes good people internally, as well as in the field, to create a good customer experience.

1764 Mendon Rd., Cumberland , 334-7317, info@cumberlandkitchen.com, cumberlandkitchen.com



## THE FACE OF Wedding Photography Jennifer Neves, Owner, Jennifer Neves Photography

Jennifer has been serving her clients with professional wedding photography services for more than twenty years in the Newport and Providence, Rhode Island areas. She has years of professional experience and an extensive background in wedding and portrait photography using a photo journalistic approach. She attends seminars to keep her photography skills current with today's styles. With Jennifer, you can be sure that she will photograph you in a comfortable, relaxed and upbeat atmosphere. Her goal is to provide a personalized experience while enjoying the process and always making sure her clients have fun, allowing their true personalities to shine through. That is something that comes only from experience, setting her apart from the rest.

10 Casey Dr., Bristol, 253-0010, jennifernevesphoto.com



## THE FACES OF Residential Building Materials Carlos Raposo, Outside Sales and Chris Kowalsick, General Manager Riverhead Building Supply

Meet the faces representing building materials, millwork and hardware in Rhode Island. Chris Kowalsick, general manager, and Carlos Raposo, outside sales, are just two of the over fifty faces at Riverhead Building who make their homes on Aquidneck Island, in the East and West Bay, South County and beyond. Riverhead Building Supply is a full-service lumber supplier and design showroom, with convenient locations in North Kingstown and Middletown. With a large inventory of top-quality products from trusted brands, Riverhead Building Supply is the premier resource for your next project. Whether you are building new, renovating or remodeling, or just looking for the right materials for your next DIY project, Riverhead Building Supply has everything you need. Visit one of their stores or showrooms to select the finest in building materials, moldings, windows and doors, fine cabinetry, or their own exclusive Heritage Wide Plank Flooring.

800-874-9500, rbscorp.com



# THE FACE OF An Inclusive Education

#### Margaret Knowlton, Head of The Grace School

Margaret Knowlton, Head of The Grace School, leads the way in showing that all children flourish in an inclusive educational environment specifically designed to meet the needs of students with and without special needs. "Research supports that students of varying cognitive and physical ability levels learn best side by side, every day, all day. All children benefit academically and socially as a result of additional support," says Knowlton. In her role Knowlton guides The Grace School as it builds on the seventy-year tradition of innovative education at its parent organization, Meeting Street. "Along with a robust emphasis on academic expectations, what sets this school apart from other independent schools is its unique sensitivity towards others and its emphasis on the values of respect, compassion, integrity, inclusivity and excellence," Knowlton says. The Grace School invites the community and all students entering grades kindergarten through seventh who are looking for an advanced learning experience to attend our open house on February 27, 2016, from noon to 2:00 p.m., or visit us at TheGraceSchool.org to schedule a tour.

#### 1000 Eddy St., Providence, 533-9100, TheGraceSchool.org

# THE FACES OF Design + Build Remodeling

## Tanya Donahue, Vice President Prudence Stoddard, CAPS, UDCP, CKD Rhode Island Kitchen & Bath

Remodeling your home is a big decision. The sophistication of the firm you select should match the sophistication of your project. Kitchens, bathrooms, additions and whole house remodels require a keen eye for design, material selections and craftsmanship. The Rhode Island Kitchen & Bath team offers a complete solution through their Design + Build process to ensure every detail is perfect. Explore the possibilities of your home by attending one of their informative seminars. Visit the events page on their website to register or give them a call to start a conversation.

139 Jefferson Blvd. Warwick, 463-1550, rikb.com





## THE FACES OF Personal Injury Law

## R. Jason Resmini, Esq., Ronald J. Resmini, Esq., Adam J. Resmini, Esq., Andrew O. Resmini, Esq., Law Offices of Ronald J. Resmini, Ltd.

Ronald Resmini was selected to the prestigious *Super Lawyers* list of top attorneys in Rhode Island. Partners Jason, Adam and Andrew were picked for the highly prestigious *Rising Stars* list of top attorneys in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. While up to five percent of the lawyers in the state are named to *Super Lawyers*, no more than 2.5 percent are named to the *Rising Stars* list. In addition, as a member of the prestigious Million Dollar Advocates Forum, Mr. Resmini has garnered multiple accolades, including the Massachusetts Senior Attorney of the Year award from *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* and the Massachusetts Bar Association in 2010, Boston's Top Attorneys based on his preeminent peer review rating, and Martindale-Hubbell's Peer Review AV Preeminent Rating. Mr. Resmini is also nationally recognized for his expertise in uninsured motorist cases and is the author of more than twenty Rhode Island Law Institute handbooks on personal injury law, product liability, trial and settlement practice, domestic relations and other litigation topics.

The Packet Building, 155 South Main St., Providence, 751-8855, resminilawoffices.com

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## THE FACES OF Simplified Medication Management

### The lacobucci family, Owners, White Cross Pharmacy

For over eighty years and three generations, White Cross Pharmacy has evolved from a neighborhood retail pharmacy to a leader in servicing both long term care facilities and patients at home. The common trait over the last eight decades has been exceptional customer service with a focus on personalized care. White Cross is presently owned by Robert lacobucci and his children Robert J. and Beth Brown. In following in their father's footsteps, Beth and Bob have continued to reinvent the pharmacy as the healthcare marketplace dictates. The third generation has introduced cutting-edge technology to move the pharmacy forward and simplify patients' medication management. White Cross's MedPack organizes medications into pouches based on the date and time of day to be taken - it's the smart and simple solution to medication management. The MedPack exemplifies the values that the pharmacy was founded on and the family hopes to continue with a fourth generation.

1057 Mineral Spring Ave., North Providence, 726-6200, whitecrosspharmacy.com





# THE FACE OF Sensational Event Planning and Catering

## Mark S. Brown, Director of Catering, Cozy Caterers, LLC

Mark previously worked in the oil industry for many years. Seventeen years ago he had the opportunity to meet Guy Abelson of Guy Abelson Catering and Events. At this time in his life, he felt he needed a change in his career. Mark's lifelong passion has always been design and decorating. These days you will find Mark as the Director of Catering for Cozy Caterers, which has been a full-service catering company in Rhode Island for the past sixty-two years. They are not a typical catering company - they cater to your needs. Cozy Caterers offers competitive prices and works one-on-one with catering clients. When it comes to planning an event, you want a catering company who understands your needs and goals for your event. Let Cozy Caterers create a unique event for you centered around great food and a great company.

400 Warwick Ave., Warwick, RI 02888, 351-3111, cozycaterers.com

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## THE FACE OF Stellar Service

#### Jennifer Ferruccio, Owner and Hairstylist, Astra Salon

If you want to be treated like a star look no further than Astra Salon. Their name is Latin for "star" and their mission is to create an atmosphere that invites you in and wraps its arms around you. The guest's comfort and satisfaction are their top priority. The staff at Astra is highly skilled and exceptionally creative with hair services, skin care and natural nail treatments. Team Astra is inspired and rewarded by the knowledge that their guests not only receive incredible results, but are provided with a retreat from life's daily grind. Astra is proud to carry an exclusive line of Italian hair and skin care products which deliver an unforget-table experience in the styling chair as well as beautiful results at home. They are grateful for their following of loyal guests and welcome you to become a part of the Astra experience.

499 Providence St., Warwick, 827-0007, salonastra.com



## THE FACE OF Friendly Banking Ellen Ford, CEO, People's Credit Union

Fun. Personal. Caring. Intelligent. Ellen Ford. CEO since 2002, Ellen built her career around People's Credit Union. Her approach to banking has always been, "People do business with people," and this statement could not ring truer at People's Credit Union. Under Ellen's thoughtful leadership, she has created a culture where employees can learn, share, grow and most importantly, thrive. When you have a high trust, collaborative environment, this "inside-out" approach makes every employee at People's a leader. At People's Credit Union, their whole mission is to provide banking solutions for your financial success - all while providing a personal, customized experience. It's intentional and by design. It's the face of friendly banking.

Headquartered in Middletown, 846-8930, peoplescu.com



## THE FACE OF Creative Advertising

### Cathy Corelli Chianese, President, CC Media Partners

Cathy Corelli offers a unique approach and expertise to advertising and marketing businesses throughout Rhode Island and Massachusetts, with strategic media buying and marketing. This approach combines an exceptionally strong core competency in graphic design, writing and production for TV/radio. Her diverse portfolio includes comprehensive marketing campaigns for all forms of advertising: TV, radio, print, billboard, social media and website development. In today's business world, you need a partner to market your business with the same skill, personality and drive as if it were their own. More than twenty years of experience and longterm client partnerships prove Corelli's track record. She and her creative team provide personal attention and expertise instilling confidence while confirming their dedication to your business, basing their success, on yours. Corelli is a supporter of Big Cat Rescue, McCarthy's Wildlife Animal Rescue, RISPCA and is a proud member of Executives Association of Rhode Island.

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## THE FACE OF Selling Rhode Island

### Greg Dantas, Broker/Owner, RI Real Estate Services

A lifelong resident of East Greenwich, Greg started in the real estate business in 1998 after serving three years in the U.S. Army. Greg began his career at Remax Professionals East Greenwich where he was fortunate to be under the guidance of friends and mentors Roxanne Tafuri, Allen Gammons and David lannuccilli. In 2012 Greg purchased Cameron and Lillibridge. With a vision of statewide sales in all cities and towns, Dantas renamed the firm RI Real Estate Services with their main headquarters in historic East Greenwich. In just three years the firm has grown to more than fifty-five agents and become a well-respected independent brand in the industry. This year Greg was named Kent Washington Association Realtor of The Year. Offering full-service real estate brokerage in all cities and towns of Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts including commercial real estate and property management, RI Real Estate Services has sold more than 300 homes statewide in the past twelve months.

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## THE FACE OF Financial Empowerment

### Joanne M. Daly, First Vice President/Financial Advisor, Daly Wealth Management, UBS Financial Services, Inc.\*

Joanne is passionate about empowering her clients by helping them gain greater control of their financial life. Many of her clients are women who have become solely responsible for their financial future after experiencing divorce, widowhood or inheritance of significant wealth. Joanne works in partnership with her clients, acting as their personal CFO, to help them become financially empowered and make smart decisions about their money. She works in collaboration with her client's accountant and attorney to create a holistic financial plan with strategies to help her clients enhance and preserve their wealth. Joanne's financial planning knowledge and expertise gained from more than twenty years of combined CPA and wealth planning experience gives her the exceptional ability to offer a boutique of wealth management services. Joanne is a past recipient of the YWCA Women of Achievement Award for helping women manage their financial future and is a frequent guest speaker on financial empowerment.

## 500 Exchange St., Suite 1210, Providence, 455-6731, joanne.daly@ubs.com, ubs.com/fa/joannedaly, linkedin.com/in/joannedaly

\*As a firm providing wealth management services to clients, we offer both investment advisory and brokerage services. These services are separate and distinct, differ in material ways and are governed by different laws and separate contracts. For more information on the distinctions between our brokerage and investment advisory services, please call Joanne Daly or visit her website. UBS Financial Services Inc. is a subsidiary of UBS AG. Member FINRA/SIPC.

## THE FACES OF Rhode Island's First Credit Union The employees of Navigant Credit Union

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One hundred years ago, a group of French-Canadian immigrants pooled together the savings they had accumulated and launched *La Credit Union de Notre Dame de Central Falls* in the basement of Notre Dame Church in Central Falls. Their goal: to create an organization that provided a safe place to keep their money while providing resources necessary to achieve "the American Dream." Today, people know that institution as Navigant Credit Union. With thirteen branches across the state and more than \$1.5 billion in assets, it has grown into one of the largest credit unions in Rhode Island and among the strongest in the country. Over the years, the credit union never lost sight of its community roots. Its philosophy of exceptional member service and deep community involvement crafted and perfected in that church basement remains unchanged. Whether it's to own a home, start a business, or anything in between - the employees at Navigant Credit Union will gladly help you achieve your dream.

Central Falls, Chepachet, Cumberland (two locations), East Providence, Greenville, Lincoln, Manville, Pawtucket, Riverside, Smithfield, Warren and Woonsocket navigantcu.org





## THE FACES OF Breast Cancer Resources The staff of the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation

In a little over a decade, the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation has positively impacted the lives of tens of thousands of Rhode Islanders touched by breast cancer, and it accomplishes all it does with a small group of employees. The team of seven full-time employees and three support service providers ensures that people affected by breast cancer have the resources and services they need, and that those resources and services are delivered with compassion and kindness. The foundation is a labor of love for its staff and they are proud that 90 cents of every dollar raised goes directly toward the free, holistic programs the foundation offers. "We're Here for You" are not just words in a marketing tagline, they are words the foundation's team believes in and exemplifies every day.

249 Roosevelt Ave., Suite 201, Pawtucket, 401-861-HERO (4376), gloriagemma.org



Corvias

## THE FACE OF Partnership Innovation John G. Picerne, Founder/CEO, Corvias

For more than a decade, Corvias's next-generation partnership model has helped their government and higher education clients solve complex infrastructure challenges, such as military and student housing, energy and stormwater regulatory compliance. Their game-changing partnership model accelerates project delivery, significantly reduces costs and creates positive local economic impact. Last year, Corvias Campus Living was awarded a \$548 million partnership by the University System of Georgia, the first time a public university system has entered a student housing public-private partnership. Corvias Solutions's \$100 million stormwater management public-private partnership with Prince George's County, Maryland, is the first and largest of its kind to date. Corvias Foundation, the company's private charitable arm founded by CEO John Picerne, has awarded more than 300 educational scholarships and grants, totaling more than \$6 million since 2006. Corvias Group is headquartered in East Greenwich.

1405 S. County Trail, East Greenwich, 228-2800, corvias.com



COREFITPROV.COM

## THE FACE OF Total Body Training

### Denise Chakoian Olney, Owner, Core Studios

CORE Studios is a full-service training facility that focuses on total body training for all aspects of fitness. They offer a robust schedule of classes (Tabata, Barre, HIIT, Cycling, etc.) for all ages and fitness levels and do not require memberships. Their convenient location in Pawtucket, near Blackstone Boulevard, also contains a state-of-the-art stadium style Cycling Studio which features the MY ZONE heart rate training program and state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems. CORE Studios also provides personal training for sports-specific, pre- and post-rehab work or just for the average person wanting to get back in shape or to achieve a new fitness level! Their Pilates Mind/Body Studio, located on Governor Street in Providence, offers a focused "Zen-like" atmosphere for Pilates-based training in a quieter and focused setting with professional trainers. On April 1, 2016, CORE Studios will be celebrating its ten-year anniversary of providing a unique fitness experience in the Providence area. The trainers love to see their clients achieve their goals every day and strive that CORE be where people can go for their full fitness experience.

727 Blackstone Pl., Pawtucket 208 Governor St., Providence, 273-CORE (2673), corefitprov.com



## THE FACES OF Wealth Management Jon Sweet, CFP®, AIF®, and Marja Sweet, Junior Partner, Oak Leaf Wealth Management

Veteran financial planner Jon Sweet CFP® recently brought his daughter, Marja Sweet, onboard his thirty-year-old practice, Oak Leaf Wealth Management. Marja (pronounced MAR-ee-yah) and Jon work together to provide a down-to-earth approach to personal finance. Their team specializes in retirement planning (including long-term care), where they work with clients to design innovative, custom-tailored investment strategies and financial plans. Oak Leaf partners with Commonwealth Financial Network, an independent broker/dealer, enabling them to remain independent and focus on expertise and service, not just products. Jon's personal goal is to take the mystery out of wealth management and help clients feel comfortable about their future by making sure to plan for it. Increased longevity means that our retirement years can span decades. Let Oak Leaf help you plan for the years ahead.

#### 598 Great Road, North Smithfield, 765-1711, oakleafwm.com

Jon offers securities and advisory services through Commonwealth Financial Network\*, Member FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Adviser. Fixed Insurance products and services offered through Oak Leaf Wealth Management.



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## THE FACES OF Construction Management

## Christopher Ducharme, Treasurer and David Ducharme, Principal, E. Turgeon Construction

Twin brothers, Dave and Chris are second generation Ducharmes and part owners of E. Turgeon Construction Corporation, which was founded in 1896 by Evangeliste Turgeon. The brothers have worked for Turgeon for more than twenty-one years, starting in the field and learning the trade from the ground up. Their father, Frank Ducharme, serves as president and Brad Draycott as vice president. E. Turgeon Construction provides construction management, planning and virtual rendering services to clients in Rhode Island and southern New England. Their specialties include the construction of commercial buildings, educational facilities and religious institutions. Some notable clients E. Turgeon has worked with include Providence College, Saint Raphael Academy, Coastway Community Bank, Garden City Center and the upcoming Isle Brewers Guild. They pride themselves on their professional and non-adversarial approach to business - an approach that has helped them exceed client expectations while building the future.

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