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David Curtis Receives the 2008 Small Business Persons of the Year Award

Dave grew up in Detroit and graduated from Southfield High School. He is the father of three grown sons who are also his partners. He started his first business, located in Ferndale Michigan, straight out of high school. His first business in Ypsilanti was in the mid-80's. He currently owns and operates Club Divine and Pub 13 Dueling Pianos both located side-by-side on Washington Street in downtown Ypsilanti. Also on the horizon for Dave is the grand opening of J. Neil's Mongolian Grille on the corner of Washington & Michigan.

We are fortunate he decided to position his business ventures in our midst since Dave exemplifies all of the qualities that a community looks for in a great collaborative business partner. While juggling a multitude of his own personal business responsibilities Dave gives back to the community in many ways and has proven to be a true asset to the Ypsilanti Community. He currently serves on the Downtown Development Authority and is Co-Chair of the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti (DAY). Dave was pivotal in the funding and organization of the Crossroads Music Festival on Washington Street (which happens every Friday evening throughout the summer).

This festival grows every year and is celebrating its third year in 2008. He also is extremely

generous in donating food for various meetings and fundraisers throughout the community such as the graduation class of the Ypsilanti Citizens Police Academy, the Event Planners Committee for Ypsilanti, the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival Gala and a variety of non-profit organizations.

Dave was honored at the June 3rd First Tuesday Breakfast at Washtenaw Community College.

- In 2001 Dave opened a Club Divine.
- In 2002 Dave opened Pub 13 Restaurant and Dueling Piano's
- Later in 2002 Dave opened The Best Dang Sports Bar in the upper level of Pub 13
- In 2008 Dave will be opening J Neil's Mongolian Grille and a wine bar called Key Stones Wine Bar & Deserts located beneath J Neil's Mongolian Grille

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