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SAVERIO “SAM” LACROCE

In 1958, at the age of 17, Lacroce journeyed to America with his parents from Isca, Italy. Working his way up as a skilled carpenter—while simultaneously learning English—Lacroce eventually opened his own business designing and manufacturing bank interiors. This eventually led to three subsidiary companies. In 1970, Lacroce’s son, Joseph, was diagnosed with leukemia. Arriving at CHOP for treatment, Joseph’s overnight bag, filled with his favorite toys, was stolen from the car in the parking lot.

Over 40 years later in 2011, Lacroce and some like-minded car enthusiasts founded Carz N’ Toyz, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that raises money and collects toys for hospitalized children in Joseph’s memory. Supporting children throughout the region, but primarily for South Jersey’s Virtua hospitals, the charity has grown to provide car seats, books, book cases, video games and more. In May, Carz N’ Toyz pledged \$1 million to the Virtua Foundation’s Pediatric Mobile Services Program. This donation will help bring Virtua Pediatric Intervention, health, education and screening services to less fortunate neighborhoods. In October, Carz N’ Toyz was renamed the Joseph Lacroce Foundation.



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THROUGH THEIR
SELFLESS
EFFORTS, THESE

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INDIVIDUALS

ARE MAKING THEIR
COMMUNITIES—
AND SOUTH JERSEY
AS A WHOLE—
A BETTER PLACE.

The CEO of Davis Enterprises located in Evesham, Davis is not only focused on the company's growth and continued success but its philanthropic mission as well. Known as a valued, self-motivated and intuitive employee, Davis' hard work and dedication transfer over into his charity work. As a member of the board of trustees for the Ronald McDonald House of Southern NJ, Davis helps shape organizational policies and governs the direction of growth of the charity. He was also named the 2013 Volunteer of the Year Honoree for Habitat for Humanity, Burlington County for dedicated and tireless leadership, support and resources to the nonprofit. Davis Enterprises is currently developing a building for the Habitat for Humanity in Evesham. Davis and his company also support the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Memorial Sloan Kettering and JCC Camps at Medford.

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