



## OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS

### Nomination Form

#### *Nominee*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Established: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Full-Time Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Nominator*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **About the Nominee:**

On a separate sheet, describe the nominee, listing how he/she meets the award criteria.

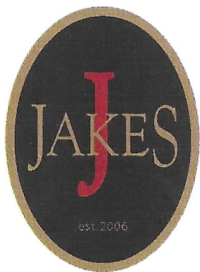
#### **Supporting Documents:**

Please contact 1-2 individuals to supply supporting documentation to accompany your nomination form. Support documents can take the form of letters, emails, news articles, etc.

#### **Submission:**

Return completed nominations by April 30th  
Lisa Dobbins, Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce  
515 N. Washington Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Saginaw, MI 48607  
or by email to [lisa@saginawchamber.org](mailto:lisa@saginawchamber.org)

Nominations received after the due date will be considered for the following year.



100 South Hamilton Street in Historic Old Town Saginaw, Michigan  
Reservations: 989.797.8325

**Paul A. Barrera, Sr.**

**Past Business History:**

Retail Menswear Sales & Wholesale Menswear Mfg. Rep (1964-1973)  
Founder and Co-Owner - Fortress Nightclub & Discotheque (1973-1980)  
Founder and Owner - Creative Cabinets Design Center (1980-1999)  
Founder and Co-Owner - Nine's Fire House Pub & Grill (1996-2008)

**Current Business History:**

Founder and Co-Owner with Pamela Higgs-Barrera  
Jake's Old City Grill, Inc.  
Opened June 2006-Present 18 Employees  
100 South Hamilton Street in Historic Old Town Saginaw, MI 48602  
Phone: 989.797.8325 Cell: 989.737.9782 Email: [paul@jakesforsteaks.com](mailto:paul@jakesforsteaks.com)

**Community Involvement:**

Member Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce (25 years)  
Past Member of Board of Directors Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce (6 years)  
Past Member of Chamber of Commerce Small Business Advisory Council (5 years)  
Past Member of Board of Directors Saginaw County Minority Business Development Center (4 years)  
Member Board of Directors & Past President of the Old Town Saginaw Association (16 years)  
Past Member of Board of Directors - Saginaw Art Museum (7 years)  
Co-Founder & Project Chairman of "The Bunny Statues", An Arts Fundraiser (18 years)  
Co-Founder & Project Chairman of the Annual Old Town Saginaw Easter Egg Hunt (15 years)  
Co-Founder & Past President of The Mid-Michigan Hispanic Business Association (12 years)

**Supported Affiliations:**

Old Town Saginaw Association  
Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce  
Saginaw Future, Inc.  
Saginaw Art Museum  
Saginaw Area Fireworks  
Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra  
Positive Results Downtown Association  
Great Lakes Bay Visitors & Convention Bureau  
Saginaw Community Foundation Temple Theater  
Saginaw Choral Society Pit & Balcony Community Theater  
Saginaw Community Enrichment Commission Saginaw Children's Zoo  
Saginaw Japanese Cultural Center National and Michigan Restaurant Associations

**SHAPERS SALON & DAY SPA**  
**685 NORTH CENTER ROAD**  
**SAGINAW, MI 48638**  
Telephone: (989)793-3771

March 29, 2022

Lisa Dobbins  
Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce  
515 N. Washington Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Saginaw, MI 48607

Re: Nomination for the Saginaw Chamber Leadership Awards  
Outstanding Small Business Award

Dear Lisa,

I would like to nominate Paul A. Barrera, Sr. for this year's Outstanding Small Business Award.

I have known Paul for over 30 years; I met him when we were members of what is now the Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Business Association. At that time, Paul was co-founder and president of the Mid-Michigan Hispanic Business Association. He helped form that small group of Hispanic business owners, dedicated to the commitment and involvement of Saginaw's Latino leaders in serving our community. That group has evolved into what is now the Great Lakes Bay Regional Hispanic Business Association.

I feel that Paul meets the criteria for the Outstanding Small Business Award; attached is Paul's business and community involvement history. He is founder and co-owner of Jake's Old City Grill. He and his wife, Pamela Higgs-Barrera, opened the restaurant in 2006 in Old Town Saginaw, currently employing 18 employees.

Thank you for considering Paul for this prestigious award.

Sincerely,

  
Silvia Ortega  
Owner,  
Shapers Salon & Day Spa