

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Main Street Saloon



Dave Kennamore, owner of **The Main Street Saloon**, has been instrumental in raising money and awareness for a wide variety of programs, projects, nonprofits and individual families in need of financial help. He has done so without asking for recognition in return.

Many of the motorcycle bike runs and poker ride events in our community began at the Main Street Saloon. Saturday Nights in the Wind, Guns and Hoses, Vietnam Wall Run, American Red Cross Ride for the Red, 911 Firetruck Fund, and Toy Run for the Akron Children's Home all got their start at the Main Street Saloon and were orchestrated by Dave.

Over the past thirty years, Dave has helped organize, manage, underwrite and donate the proceeds of the fundraising events to local organizations. The results of these donations have helped thousands of people here in Northeast Ohio. The Ride for the Red alone has recorded more than \$200,000 raised for disaster relief. It was named as a best practice event by the Ride for Red national headquarters.

Dave has partnered with numerous groups — including The Chapel's Ring of Iron, Greater Motorcycle Club of Akron, Akron Bible Church, Summit County Sheriff's Office, Akron Police, Guitars for Charity, House of LaRose, WQMX, WKDD, WONE, Liberty Harley Davidson and the Phi-Sig's from the The University of Akron — to help with ticket sales, food distribution, advertising, traffic management, entertainment and clean-up.

Dave, along with his family and the team at the Main Street Saloon, represents the very definition of philanthropy and charity at a very grass-roots level. His contributions, while they may be difficult to measure on a spreadsheet, serve as a reminder that the true spirit of giving is alive and well.

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