

As a locally grown, locally owned company, SRQ MEDIA pays tribute to our community's visionary local businesses and the people behind them who work hard to create economic opportunities every day on the Gulf Coast of Florida.





## MSC FOUNDATION

*"We are proud of our team of agents and staff who give both time and resources to the communities we serve on the Gulf Coast."*

— DRAYTON SAUNDERS, PRESIDENT OF THE MSC FOUNDATION

Shown left to  
right: Laurie  
Connelly, Drayton  
Saunders and  
Laurie Cichielo



### BUILDING UPON MORE THAN FOUR DECADES

of giving back to the communities we serve, the MSC Foundation was created from a desire to involve our sales associates and employees and combine our philanthropic efforts for a greater impact. This commitment of community-minded professionals to enact positive change is one of the many things that make the people of Michael Saunders & Company so special.

It is through the generosity of our agents who choose to donate a portion of their real estate commission on each transaction, and our staff who choose to voluntarily contribute throughout the year, that we are able to fund grants to the many amazing organizations throughout Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte counties whose important work fulfills the Foundation's mission of offering shelter, sustenance, education and a path to self-sufficiency.

The Foundation is comprised of a volunteer council of individuals from each office and division of the company who collectively review and award grants twice a year. Assisting them in this effort is the support team of Laurie Connelly and Lori Cichielo who facilitate the extensive grant process. Since its inception in 2011, a total of \$782,290 has been distributed to over 200 local charities and organizations.

In addition to the financial contributions made by the foundation, we are exceptionally inspired by how many of our Michael Saunders & Company family donate countless volunteer hours each year, serving on boards, work with these organizations and passionately advocating for the causes they serve.

*"A company, by definition, means a group of people working together. That's what PGT Innovations is all about. We focus on attracting talented, hardworking leaders, as well as developing and offering benefits to help our team members succeed. When our team does well, we do well."* — JEFF JACKSON, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PGT INNOVATIONS

## PGT INNOVATIONS

**FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS**, PGT Innovations has created a strong business by investing in innovative growth. As the nation's largest manufacturer of impact-resistant windows and doors, our highly-engineered and technically advanced products can withstand some of the toughest weather conditions on Earth.

Our brands are a preferred choice of architects, builders, and homeowners throughout North America and the Caribbean. Innovation is at the heart of what we do and our products revolutionize the way people live by unifying indoor and outdoor living spaces. The custom windows and doors we design and build are available in massive dimensions that allow for unlimited design possibilities in residential, multi-family, and commercial projects.

While our business is to make high-quality windows and doors, our company is made up of individuals who are dedicated to serving our customers and our community; leading the industry and the market; and thriving together. Our team members come together day in and day out to make PGT Innovations the best window and door

company in the industry. Without them, our products couldn't be made and our customers couldn't be served. Understanding all that our team members bring to us, we invest back in them by providing competitive wages, growth opportunities, employee-oriented programs, stock offerings, and many other non-traditional benefits.

Much like the commitment we make to our team members, PGT Innovations also has a strong responsibility to support the communities that are home to our facilities. Our corporate giving and volunteer efforts are focused on local agencies and nonprofits in the five cities we're based in throughout the U.S, as well as providing relief efforts to residents who have been impacted by storms.

At PGT Innovations, our culture of Serving, Leading, and Thriving is the foundation of our organization. It is how we do all that we do and how we build relationships that allow us to lead our industry.



INVENT. BUILD. DELIVER.







"The past year has been a rewarding period for the staff at PPI Technologies GROUP of companies. As the owner I am very proud of their work ethic and dedication that has led to recognition at the end of 2018 as one of the "Best and Brightest Companies to work for top 101 in the nation" and locally "Best Places to Work." —R. CHARLES MURRAY

## PPI TECHNOLOGIES GROUP

**WE WERE RECENTLY** one of Six Florida companies that received statewide recognition as the 2019 winners of the third annual Florida Sterling Manufacturing Business Excellence Awards. The awards, recognizing high performing manufacturers in six categories, were announced and presented May 31 at the Governor's Sterling Awards Banquet in Orlando. The Florida Sterling Council and FloridaMakes collaborated on these statewide awards. The categories that Companies were judged on were leadership, future strategy, knowledge of our customer base and market focus, measurement of future plans, an analysis and knowledge of our management, our workforce plans and training program and finally the operations at the three companies, PGS Global Sales LLC, Redi-2-DrinQ Group LLC, and Penta5 USA LLC.

The 2019 Florida Sterling Manufacturing Business Excellence award for:

### INDEPENDENT COMPANIES 51-125 EMPLOYEES

**WINNER:** PPI Technologies GROUP, Sarasota, which manufactures energy efficient high speed stand-up pouch machines, liquor distribution in sustainable pouches as well as wellness products with award winning VialPaQ and patented Pouch packaging solutions. The winners were selected from among 33 award finalists; 110 manufacturers were nominated.

FloridaMakes will feature the finalists and winners in webinars, plant tours and events that share best practices to benefit Florida's manufacturing sector.

### ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S STERLING AWARD

Established in 1992, the Florida Sterling Council is a public/private not-for-profit corporation supported by the Executive Office of the Governor. The Council oversees the Governor's Sterling Award for Performance Excellence, presented annually by the Governor to high performing, role-model organizations, both private and public, who demonstrate superior management approaches and role model results. Sterling's Conference teaches participants how to elevate performance and increase productivity. More at [floridasterling.com](http://floridasterling.com).

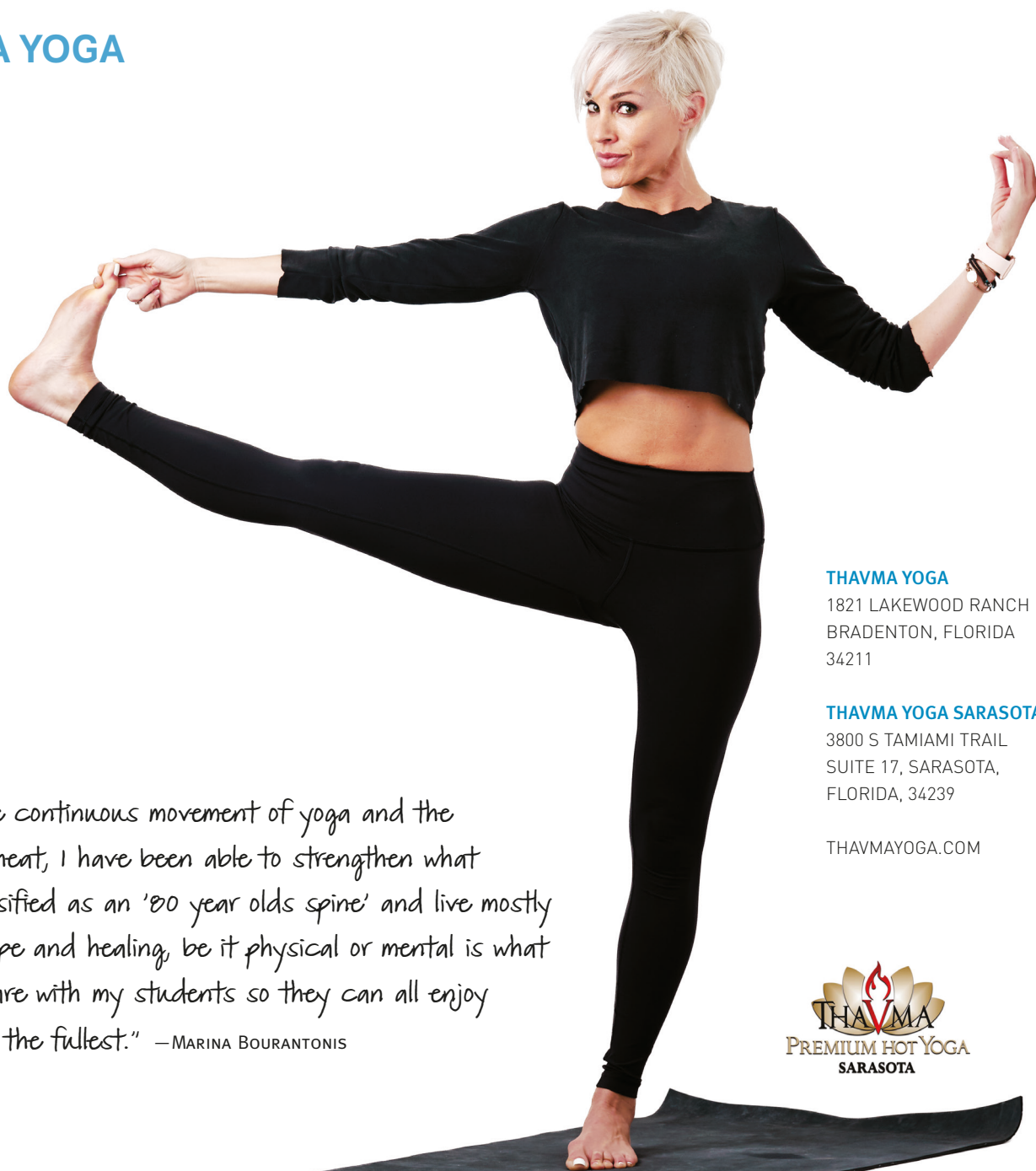
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**MARINA'S LIFE MOTTO HAS BEEN TO,** "Live a life of purpose and always love what I do." Her pursuit of that goal has not come without big challenges and risks. After leaving a successful career as a highly sought after event coordinator and fashion stylist in Greece, Marina embarked on a new journey to follow her passion of yoga. At the age of 15 she began practicing Hatha yoga. This sparked her interest and led to the opportunity to be trained by some of the most renowned yoga teachers in India and Bali. She completed advanced trainings in Iyengar, Vinyasa, and the grueling 3 month long Bikram Method. Her practice and learning was not without setbacks. Three different car accidents caused debilitating injuries that would have sidelined most people. Instead, they fueled Marina's passion for not just yoga, but for a deeper understanding of the biomechanics and functional movement of the body. By looking at Marina, you would never guess that her cervical spine is completely degenerated. "Through the continuous movement of yoga and the therapeutic heat, I have been able to strengthen what doctors classified as an '80 year olds spine' and live mostly pain free. Hope and healing, be it physical or mental is what I want to share with my students so they can all enjoy their lives to the fullest." Initial plans were to open a yoga studio in Greece, but a wild turn of events led to Marina and her husband, Athanasios, choosing Lakewood Ranch to open their first studio in 2014. They quickly fell in love with the beautiful weather, beaches, and the most warm and wonderful people and students that they met. The success of this location led to the opening of ThaVma Sarasota in 2018. And while owning a business can certainly have its challenging days, the benefits of seeing lives changed for the better continues to drive Marina each day and affirm that she is truly living her life of purpose.

## THAVMA YOGA



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