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I've working in the restaurant business all of my life. I started working at the Rafters Restaurant as a young man and worked there until I opened the Rafters West Restaurant on Highway 100 and Greenfield in 1985. The restaurant was later renamed Steak House 100.

Making a change, seven years later my wife and I opened the PorterHouse Restaurant, an upscale steak house on Milwaukee's south side. We have been at this location for the past seventeen years. We have endeavored hard at this establishment and have worked with the Airport Gateway Business Association to improve the area for all the businesses and residents

In June of 2006 Marie and I opened an additional restaurant in Hartland. It is called Palmer's Steakhouse. It is a historical landmark in the area and we have taken great care in its restoration.

We have two children. Our daughter Lisa is an elementary school teacher and our son Tony is in his senior year at Marquette University. Both of our children are proud graduates of Thomas More High School. At the age of six months Tony was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis since then, we have become deeply involved with raising funds for a cure. We have been co-presidents of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for the last fourteen years. We have a yearly fundraiser at the PorterHouse called our Tent Event. This coming September will mark our 22nd year, it is the longest running private fund raiser for the CF Foundation in the state. We have passed the million dollar mark in our previous twenty one years of Tent Events. Every dollar raised is important to us because it is used for research to find a cure for cystic fibrosis.

In addition to my work with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation I have worked with Make-a-Wish, The Variety Club, The MACC Fund as well as Camp Heartland. Being the father of two, children's charities have always held a special place in my heart.

Thank you for your consideration for a space on the Bid Board.