

March 11, 2019

Small Business of the year Nomination for 2018

Dear Nomination Committee,

It is great pleasure to nominate United as One Wedding Officiant Service, LLC for the Small Business of the Year Award. The wedding chapel provides services for wedding ceremonies, small gatherings, and formal/semi-formal planned events. Mr. Stanley Bridges is the owner and operator along with the Officiant. This wedding chapel is located at 560 South Pike West, Sumter, SC 29150.

On April 1, 2016 with the help of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, United as One Wedding Officiant Service was established. Since then there has been over 200 wedding ceremonies performed; the projected business forecast is to double by year 2020. Living up to the mission statement "the desire is to surpass every couple's expectations regardless of their budget.

Utilizing business practices and strategies that meet the community needs. Also supports the clients along with staying in compliance with the laws and regulations. Giving each couple the "Five Star" service. Providing them face to face customer service, website visibility, along with social media access. Providing these tools will give a unique and innovative approach to business.

There is all kind of challenges that business do face. The main challenge was how to be of service to the whole community. To accomplish that I received my credentials of Ministry to perform the sacrament of marriage. I also became ordain as a non-Denomination so that I could provide a religious aspect of a wedding. I'm also certified wedding officiant thru IAPWO (International Association of Professional Wedding Officiant). Attended Sumter Chamber of Commerce, Business Plan Basics, NxLevel for entrepreneurs training in order to provide the best service to the community.

Some of the unique and innovative approaches that we use here; for example from local restaurant on how they deliver their service. Here at United as one we deliver our service also, I have conduct back yard weddings, Grey Hound Bus Station, Swan Lake, Beach weddings. Whatever it takes to make the day sparkle for the couple.

My Business has been in service for 3 three years. We are actively involved in different community events, and non-profits organization. It's a disabled veteran owned small business. Support the American Legion Post -202 non- profit organizations of Sumter. We recently painted the inside of the building and provide tables and chairs to maintain the facility.

Member of the greater Sumter Chambers of Commerce for three years;

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Stanley Bridges Officiant / CEO