

Meet our Star of the Night, Kevin Curry

Kevin F. Curry is the owner of Teddy's Stores, a regional chain of 19 convenience stores. The original business was the multi-generational family business named Danby's. From 1983 until 1988 Kevin worked alongside Fred Danby until Fred's retirement. In 2016 Curry purchased the remaining assets of his former partner Kevin Danby. He then continued his management in the company as the sole owner along with his wife Patti. After becoming the sole owners, Kevin and Patti decided to make the company mission based and created the Teddy's Stores brand "Fuel and Food with a mission."

In 1993, Curry and his former partner started a Wholesale Fuel Distribution company and have subsequently built it into one of the largest Gulf Oil jobbers in Connecticut. They currently supply stations in Connecticut and New York. The company has grown from the ground up, offering almost a century of experience and knowledge of the petroleum industry to their customers.

Born and raised in Meriden, Mr. Curry is the eighth child of ten children born to the late Paul Curry and Margaret Curry. Kevin was educated in the Meriden public school system, attending Hanover Elementary School, Lincoln Middle School, and Wilcox Technical High School, where he was a 1981 graduate in the Automotive program. After high school, Mr. Curry graduated from the Denver Automotive and Diesel College.

Kevin Curry's commitment to the communities his company serves goes far beyond his basic business responsibilities. Mr. Curry has always recognized the importance of community involvement and has served as the Past President of the Meriden Rotary Club, Past Assistant Governor for the Rotary District 7980, Past President of the Meriden Boys & Girls Club, a past member of the Community Advisory Council of MidState Medical Center, Chairman of the Cuno Foundation Distribution Committee, and Advisor to the Meriden Foundation. He serves on the Meriden Funders Association, is Chairman of the Craft Committee of the Automotive Department at H.C. Wilcox Technical School, is a past member of the Gulf Oil Distributor Council, has served as the Race Director of the Meriden Soap Box Derby, and is a board member of the Beat the Street Community Center and The Bradley Home. Today he remains actively involved in many of these organizations. He currently serves as Chairman of Meriden Planning Commission and assistant Chairman of the South Central Regional Council of Governments Planning Commission, and a member of MEDCO (Meriden Economic Development Corporation). Kevin was a recipient of the regional Connecticut Yankee Boy Scouts "Good Scout Award" and Meriden Rotary's Harry Lyman "Service Above Self Award." Kevin also actively participates in his church, his children's school and sporting events, including having served as a baseball and basketball coach for several years.

The Currys continue their philanthropic path they have instilled into their children and grandchildren as major donors to the Rotary Foundation and proudly support the K-9 dog programs of the Hometown Foundation. They recognize the hard work that these foundations do that align with their mission. They are currently working to bring several Special Olympic athletes from Ireland to participate in The Dream Ride Experience this summer.

Kevin believes in his local community and is committed to not only donating money to many local churches, community organizations and service clubs in the Meriden area. He also serves them as an advisor and advocate to help them get needed tasks performed by

making a phone call and getting hands on donations of products or services. Kevin always feels that the goods and services go much further than monetary donations.

Kevin Curry and his wife Patti reside in Meriden and have four children, three grandchildren, and their dog Teddy.

- Kelly is married to Patrick St. Onge, has two daughters Eva and Eliza, and works at Aspen Insurance
- Sean, US Army Blackhawk Pilot in Colorado Springs
- Tara is married to Mark Dempsey, has one daughter named Ailish and is expecting baby number two in October. She works as a PA at Hartford Healthcare.
- Ryan works as a physics teacher and lives in Honolulu Hawaii with fiancé Bella.
- Teddy, the face of Teddy's Stores, who is also the family dog.