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## **Building Powerful Relationships**

## **Paul Billoni**

## President & CEO of Colvin Cleaners

Paul Billoni began his career in his family's business Colvin Cleaners in August 1976 following the lessons of his father and uncle's working hard and helping others. Paul, his wife Cyndee, and son Christopher have grown the 86-year-young business tremendously.



Today Colvin Cleaners, Inc. and Colvin Draperies, Inc. have 75 employees, representing 18 countries. Paul started Colvin Draperies in 1983 and he is currently the President and CEO of Colvin Cleaners, Inc., Colvin Draperies, Inc., 2385 Elmwood, LLC, 2375 Elmwood, Inc., and Vice President of Jo & GI, Inc. From 1980-1985 he was a Board Member of Building Owner Management Association; 1995 he was President of Buffalo Executive Association, and from 2005-2008 he was President of Alliance of Professional Restoration Dry Cleaners. Paul served as the youngest trustee ever for the Village of Kenmore from 1981-1995. Paul was also one the founding members and President of Buffalo Niagara Premier Soccer Association.

Colvin Cleaners also won the 2010 Buffalo Niagara Business Ethics Award

Giving back to the community has always been part of the company's mission. Paul developed the Gowns for Prom program 13 years ago and has distributed over 6,000 gowns in those years to young ladies who otherwise could not afford one. Colvin Cleaners has been involved with Coats for Kids for over 20 years supplying families with coats who otherwise could not afford them. Colvin Cleaners donates to over 300 charities each year as a part of their commitment to give back to the community.

Paul is a 1974 graduate of Kenmore West High School, and also attended Buffalo State College studying Industrial Engineering. Paul has been married for over for 36 years to his wife Cyndee. They have 2 children, daughter Erica, 28 who resides San Antonio, TX and son, Christopher, 32, who resides in Tonawanda, NY with his wife, Krissy. Christopher has been working for Colvin Cleaners for over 8 years and is training to take over running the company. Paul has a passion for fishing of all kinds. He is an avid scuba diver and is still playing ice hockey. Paul has a self-developed philosophy that he lives by and that is "95% of what we experience in life is self-inflicted. So if you are not happy with things in your life, change some of your actions and you will get different results."