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“FAMOUS DAVE” ANDERSON

Restaurateur, Grillmaster, Author

Dave Anderson has dedicated his life to making the best barbecue in America. In 1994 he opened The Original Famous Dave's located on the shores of Big Round Lake in Hayward, WI. By the end of that first summer Dave was serving as many as 6000 people a week in a town of only 2000 people. Dave opened his second restaurant in Minneapolis and was quickly recognized as “One of the Hottest Concepts in America Award” by The National Restaurant Association in 2002 and most recently “America's Best Loved BBQ Joint” (Nation's Restaurant News March 2013). Since then, Famous Dave's has grown to over 180 restaurants nationwide and over \$500 Million in sales allowing Dave to share his love for ribs with all of America while creating over 20,000 jobs. Today, Famous Dave's is now an international company with locations in Winnipeg, Canada, Puerto Rico, and most recently the United Arab Emirates Abu Dhabi.

Dave is one of the most award winning BBQ Grillmasters around, selling over 16 million pounds of ribs a year, and has become known as “America's Rib King!” Dave's barbecue is highly regarded as the best in America winning over 780 Best of Class Awards, Blue Ribbons, People's Choice, Critic's Choice and First Place awards including: Best Ribs in America, Best BBQ Sauce in America, Best BBQ Restaurant in America, Best Cornbread, Best Chicken...etc, etc.

Dave continues to develop new and amazing rib recipes and tasty new barbecue sauces, which are featured in two award winning cookbooks Rib-O-Licious and Famous Dave's Barbecue Party Cookbook. Both books won “Best Barbecue/Grill Cookbooks in America by the National Barbecue Association”. The sale of these books has generated over \$1M in profit which Dave and his wife Kathy have generously donated to the LifeSkills and CareerSkills work they do with at-risk Native Youth.