

DAVID AND THE HISTORY OF MR. PATTY

David George Bailey was born in Manchester, Jamaica, where the dream of being an entrepreneur started.

In Jamaica, David worked in a bakery making many different Caribbean delights including the famous Jamaican Patties. He quickly became known in the community for his baking skills, which drew people from various districts.

David's love of baking became a passion, which soon was matched and surpassed by the lovely Madge. They both worked at a bakery in Kingston where they met and sparks flew. Unknown to David at that time, he had just met the love of his life and business partner. David and Madge have been married now for more than thirty years and counting.

David soon realized that his love of people, his community, and food were the key ingredients to make his dream of owning a business a reality. David and Madge decided to move to Canada to give their dream a chance. They moved to Montreal in the 1980's. David continued in the baking industry working at Real Bagel and Madge worked as a nurse. Although the couple worked diligently at their jobs to make a life for themselves, David never gave up on his dream, and Madge never stopped supporting him. They both worked the night shift and as soon as they came home in the mornings, that is when it was time for them to work on their dream. They made patties in their apartment for local churches and community members. The word about David's patties continued to spread and the demand increased.

Their clientele, then expanded to the local stores. It then lead to a list of very loyal clients at the Jewish General Hospital that still support him. At this point, they needed a bigger kitchen. In the mid-90s the family moved to a duplex on Prince of Wales where three of their children, Donovan, Yvette, Rohan and Sasha (Yvette's daughter) then joined them from Jamaica. It was during this time that David's family and friends would help him to make and transport patties to various parts of the city.

Madge's niece Colecia also joined the family from Jamaica and played an instrumental role. Whenever she took a break from her studies, she would lend a helping hand. This spirit of teamwork and unity runs throughout the veins of the Bailey clan.

One day at the Bailey's home, a little boy came with his mother to pick up patties as a lot of loyal clients did. As they were leaving, the little boy turned to David and said good bye "**MR. PATTY**". There was something in that name that resonated with David. He loved it and kept it.

Things soon lined up nicely like a good domino match.

While doing laundry one day on Patricia Street in NDG, Rohan, David's youngest son saw a sign for a property for rent, it was once a pizzeria. That was the beginning of the now famous, **MR. PATTY**.

It was time for David and his family to give **MR. PATTY** a home, where people from all over Montreal can come. MR. Patty's bakery made its debut on November 24, 2004.

Opening MR PATTY was an iconic moment for the Bailey's family and the community. Everyone in and around the community showed their support each and every day.

The entire Bailey family initially got involved in establishing the creation of the bakery. Mrs. Bailey (aunt Madge) didn't give the idea a second thought, she gave in her resignation to the company she worked for immediately to be an equal partner and the main chef / accountant position at **MR PATTY**.

Rohan and **Colecia** were always there as well. Even though they both had their full time jobs, they both would come to the shop to work 6 days per week. Sometimes early in the morning before they go to work and then back again after work. They continue to be dedicated to the family legacy.

Yvette, Rohan's older sisters also worked at the shop. She too had a full time job but that didn't stop her from coming to the shop every day to do her shift.

Donovan, another of David's son also at times worked at the shop and helped to build it to where it is today.

Christopher and **Cyle**, Donovan's two boys; **Sasha**, Yvette's daughter also worked at the shop after school and on Saturdays as they would often be the cashier on their shift.

Robert, nephew of aunt Madge, also worked at the shop for a time. He would also be willing to giving up his spare time to help out where ever he could.

Miss Wilma was also one of **MR PATTY's** loyal workers. Being a longtime friend of David, she would also come to the shop to share her special talent with us and the community. Wilma would make a special kind of "Sweet Bread" that only she could do so well. It is a coconut base bread that is ever so delicious. The customers took to the sweet bread right away. Wilma could not make enough as the demand grew immediately. May God Rest Her Soul; unfortunately Wilma is no longer with us. However her legacy lives on at MR PATTY as the Sweet Bread that she made is still being made by either Mrs. Bailey or Roseann – another of **MR PATTY** loyal staff.

The bakery started to grow and the family alone wasn't able to manage on their own. Mr. and Mrs. Patty decided to hire 2 additional workers which made a big difference in the amount of patties they made in order to fill the growing demand.

MR PATTY started with just making patties, bread and a few coconut deserts.

The menu grew and they added Roties, Jerk Chicken and Jerk Pork among several other goodies that were all a success from the day they were introduced.

David and his family as always been grateful for all the blessings that God has given them and to show the community how thankful they are: Every Thanksgiving Holiday David and his family would cook up a very special dish and give each and every customer 1 free meal.

That's not all; November 24th is the anniversary of **MR. PATTY** and each year on that day, they would bake special fruit cakes (aka Black cake) and give a slice to every customer to show their appreciation for the wonderful support they have given since day one.

MR PATTY supports several local community clubs, Churches and associations alike. Some of these includes: **The Quebec Amateur Netball Federation, The Jamaican association of Montreal, The Family & Full Gospel Baptist Church, The Montreal West Church of God of Prophecy, The Young Achievers Recognized for their Dedication to Succeed (Y.A.R.D.S)** just to name a few.

Opening **MR. PATTY**, was a victorious moment for The Bailey family. It is a source of inspiration as it showed that dreams come true. **MR. PATTY**, David and his entire family are grateful for the immense support that the community continues to give them. **THANK YOU.**