



JIM DELIGATTI

**McDonald's Owner/Operator
Big Mac Inventor
Founder of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh**

2007 marks Jim Delligatti's 50th anniversary as a McDonald's Owner/Operator and the 40th birthday of his world-famous invention. Jim Delligatti is the archetype of American ingenuity, entrepreneurship and philanthropy.

One of the Golden Arches' earliest franchisees, Delligatti and his family are responsible for opening dozens of McDonald's restaurants across western Pennsylvania. Those restaurants have added thousands of jobs and dollars to the Commonwealth's economy.

The effects of Jim's lifework extend well beyond Pennsylvania. Jim Delligatti created the world's most famous sandwich when he combined two all beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions and a sesame seed bun to create the Big Mac.

The Big Mac first debuted at Delligatti's Uniontown, PA restaurant in 1967 at a selling price of 45¢. The sandwich was so popular that it was added to the menu of all U.S. restaurants in 1968. Today the Big Mac is sold in more than 100 countries around the world.

Jim Delligatti is also a founder of one of the country's first chapters of Ronald McDonald House Charities – the House That Love Built. RMHC of Pittsburgh provides a home away from home for the parents of seriously ill children undergoing medical treatment at Pittsburgh-area hospitals. It also provides meaningful support for other western PA charities that directly help children lead happier, healthier and more productive lives.

To commemorate Jim Delligatti's outstanding achievements as an entrepreneur, inventor and humanitarian, the McDonald's Big Mac Museum Restaurant will premiere in North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania on August 22, 2007. The facility is a vibrant landmark to Jim Delligatti's remarkable vision and tireless spirit.

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