

## **5 Star Air Conditioning receives the 2018 Small Business of the Year Award from the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce**

**Foley, AL, February 15, 2019** – 5 Star Air Conditioning recently received the 2018 Small Business of the Year Award from the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce at the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala January 25, 2019.

The Small Business of the Year Award honors a small business that stands out for their sustainability, job growth, and contribution to our local economy and the overall progress of the South Baldwin area.

The winning small business must be located in South Baldwin County, been in business for at least 5 years, has shown growth in employment/increased sales and demonstrates commitment to the support and promotion of the community as well as fosters community involvement in the culture of the business.

After 9 years of working in the air conditioning field, Tyler Higginbotham decided to sit for his Alabama HVAC license and in December, 2012, Tyler and Cindy Higginbotham opened 5 Star Air Conditioning. Their evolution has been slow and steady and their focus has been, and always will be, to help people solve their HVAC problems with honest information.

5 Star Air Conditioning has grown from one man working out of a pickup truck to having 3 fully equipped vans (and our original truck) running the streets of Baldwin County and 7 team members.

They are recognized by the State of Alabama as a veteran-owned business and have several veterans on their team. They are committed to helping build the next generation of HVAC professionals through their registered apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor and their involvement with the local trade school.

They are dedicated to bettering their community through their membership in the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, volunteering their time during events like the Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival or supporting their local high school during Friday night football games (Tyler is the announcer and Cindy helps with fundraising). The Higginbotham's frequently attend and promote attendance to local non-profit fundraisers hosted by the South Baldwin Literacy Council, the Santa Foundation and the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation.

“Not only does 5 Star meet all of the qualifications, they epitomize why small businesses are the backbone of our economy” said Tommy Lee, CEO Vulcan, Inc. “Tyler and Cindy are tireless advocates of the Chamber and of Baldwin County. Through their registered apprenticeship program, they are helping the next generation find quality work at a skilled trade.”

To learn more about 5 Star Air Conditioning visit their website at [www.5starair.net](http://www.5starair.net) or give them a call at 251.223.2010.

Photo (left to right): Sue Alford, Tyler Higginbotham, Cindy Higginbotham and Donna Watts.

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