



**GARY J. RICOZZI, CFSM**  
**Director of Operations**

Mr. Ricozzi has accumulated over thirty-seven years of experience in the hospitality industry. He started his career in the hotel business and worked for several major hotel companies, including Marriott, Doubletree, and I' Hotel Sofitel, holding such positions as banquet manager, banquet director, and catering director.

Gary moved to Charleston SC in 1983, managing restaurants and catering operations for Kiawah island company, then holding positions as banquet director, director of catering, and food and beverage director for Wild Dunes Resort, Radisson Francis Marion hotel, and Holiday Inn Mt. Pleasant, over the next 4 years, where he managed and directed all food and beverage sales and operations.

in 1990, Mr. Ricozzi left the hotel industry to form a full-service catering and special events company called Creative Occasions & Corporate Affairs, in Charleston, SC, which he developed into one of the premier catering companies over 9 years in business. His company specialized in upscale corporate and social events, ranging in size from 50 to 3000. during this time, Mr. Ricozzi also taught continuing education courses at Trident Technical College, with emphasis on the catering industry. Gary sold the catering business in 1997

Mr. Ricozzi started another company called GJR Enterprises, LLC, now called Rico investment holdings, LLC, located in Orlando, Florida. using the HospitalityStaff® name and business plan, where he is supported by other industry professionals. Gary owned 5 HospitalityStaff® offices with other partners, with locations in Jacksonville, Fl, Orlando, Fl, Hollywood, Fl, Charleston, SC, and Washington, DC. HospitalityStaff was a national company, specializing in hospitality industry staffing, management placement, recruiting, training, and direct hire for hospitality industry professionals. Mr. Ricozzi has done extensive training over the years which helped to develop HospitalityStaff® as a reputable company in the industry. HospitalityStaff has been in business 23 years.

Gary is also working on a startup business with some partners called "CLICK2MATCH", an App based business for the employment industry, which will be up and running in the very near future.