



## 2023 Philip L. Edwards Business Person of the Year

*Jimmy Davis*

A Sumter native, Jimmy Davis has over 20 years experience serving the Sumter community. As co-owner of Air Solutions Heating and Cooling, he has brought his business success even through a pandemic. Through it all, Jimmy vowed to ensure no employee suffered as a result. Instead, he found different ways of doing business and to keep their workforce intact. Although the effort alone helped to retain many jobs, the result has been instrumental in the growth of the company. Jimmy prioritizes being a good husband and a good father over any measure of success or professional achievement. His wife stated "he leads and loves our family, and we are extremely proud of him and all his hard work and accomplishments. He also makes the time to help his employees with any personal and/or finance crisis they may encounter. It would be easy for him to be buried in his work; however, he sets healthy boundaries and has made sure that his family understands that work is important but no where near as important as they are. "

Jimmy's first business was helping our community grow by building homes for its citizens. With the economic recession of 2008, he adapted and created new opportunities for his business through home repair and renovation. This would all lead him to where he is today. With his experience in the construction industry, he recognized a growing need in our community for a superior type of business, that would be the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Services. In 2013, with his partner, they began a new company out of their garage.

Within 3 years they had purchased property in Sumter for their headquarters and built a 7,000 sqft facility. The following year, Air Solutions Heating and Cooling in its 4th year of existence, was recognized by Trane for the prestigious "Success Over All Existence" award. One year later, Jimmy was recognized as one of our communities Top 20 Under 40. Air Solutions has been recognized as the Best of Sumter 5 years running with 35 employees, 24 service vehicles and recently expanded to a second location in Florence.

Jimmy is an active member with Chris Community Church, Tuomey Fellows Graduate, Shaw AFB Honorary Commander, and a proud father of two. Jimmy has also been appointed as the 2023-2024 Chairman of the Board for the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce.