



TRG Team

# The Raines Group Celebrates 25 Years in Business!

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After spending a quarter of a century in business as a leading real estate company both nationally and in the state of Ohio, Sandy Raines - founder, owner, and CEO of The Raines Group - was proud to celebrate her company's accomplishments, the launch of their new brokerage, and the opening of a new office space. On May 18th, the grand opening was kicked off by a ribbon cutting ceremony featuring Mayor Sloan Spalding and the New Albany Chamber. Following this, patrons were invited to celebrate with bites from Carfagna's and the Cheesecake Girl, drinks, activities, and giveaways!

After growing up in East Lansing, Michigan and attending Michigan State, Raines moved to New Albany in 1998 after marrying her late husband, Ron Cadieux. Inspired by her work with a top real estate



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Sandy Mendoza, Sandy Raines, Angela Dougla



Sandy and her daughter, Laura Raines

company owned by her mother back in Michigan, Raines decided to build a real estate company from the ground up. Her husband and her first employee, Stephanie Masterson - currently the Principal Broker, Partner, and president of The Raines Group - were huge assets in the process of starting up her company. More recently, Karla Ballenger joined the team as a partner and real estate consultant, and has been an instrumental member of The Raines Group! "[I am] proud to lead a woman-owned (and led) brokerage, and consider it a privilege to connect with [my] amazing community and clients," Raines smiles.

Today, The Raines Group is honored to be ranked by Real Trends as the #1 Real Estate Team - from among 36,816 realtors - in the state of Ohio, and the #56 Real Estate Team in the nation! Additionally, The Raines Group has been featured in the Wall Street Journal's Top 100 List, as well as in REALTOR Magazine's Top 100 Realtors List.

Over the years, The Raines Group has continued to grow in employees and clients, leading to the opening of their new office space at 6525 West Campus Oval, which coincided with their 25th anniversary! "We would like to thank our incredible clients and community who have supported us throughout the years," Raines shares. "We wouldn't be here without you!"



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