

GEORGIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JAMES J. MARAN INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Our next award this evening is the James J. Maran International Award, named for past Gwinnett Chamber president, Jim Maran. The James J. Maran International Award recognizes an international company that has chosen to locate here in Gwinnett, recognizing the value of Gwinnett's pro-business mindset, and has become active in both our community and the Chamber.

Doosan Industrial Vehicle (or DIV) is a global company making a significant local impact. Doosan's history spans over 120 years beginning in Seoul, South Korea where their international headquarters stand today. DIV's North American corporate offices opened in Gwinnett County over ten years ago. As a leading manufacturer of material handling equipment, DIV has sought to continue the grand vision of the company's founder, Seung-jik Park, and embody the values that uplift all.

Their support of our community and its people has embraced causes big and small with a focus on doing the right and good thing. This philosophy is brought to life by the entire organization in their professional and private lives. DIV has cleaned tributaries in Gwinnett County, participated in Paint Gwinnett Pink and other 5K races to raise money and awareness for breast cancer, donated equipment to Creative Enterprises to empower learning challenged individuals with social and life skills, as well as employment opportunities, and provided care packages to Georgia Cares for survivors of human trafficking and abuse.

In 2018, DIV expanded their offices to include its first retail location. In 2019, the expansion continued, as their dynamic growth has continued, allowing DIV to further develop their vision of growing a greater Gwinnett for all.

I would like to ask Tony Jones, CEO of Doosan Industrial Vehicle America to please come forward to accept the James J. Maran International Award.