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John Majoris turned his hobby and passion for photography into a business. He used to specialize in aerial photography. He now owns TSS Photography, a franchise that caters to youth sports and local schools.

Clinton aerial photographer comes back down to earth

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CLINTON TOWN — An aerial photographer and his wife decided to come back down to earth to help youth sports, charitable organizations and corporations in a new photography business.

In 1999, John Majoris turned his hobby and passion for photography and an interest in flying into a successful business.

"I wanted to fly, but I didn't want to fly for the big commercial airlines," Majoris said.

This year, Majoris and his wife Karen decided they wanted to give back to their community by opening a TSS Photography franchise to serve youth sports groups, schools, community organizations and corporations in the Hunterdon County and Bridgewater-Somerville area.

"I looked at so many different franchises," Majoris said. "Most of them didn't support the franchisees, and I didn't really want to get into the food business."

Majoris said that he can take the photographs in his studio or on location at a sporting event, corporate or community gathering, or even a school yearbook or picture day. Or they can use green screen technology to place the photo subject in front of any background.

"We sell the job, take the photo and upload the photo," Majoris said.

Once the photos are taken, TSS Photography's 30,000-square-foot laboratory in Georgia turns those photographs into any of more than 200 products, including posters, prints, greeting cards, plaques, mugs

AT A GLANCE

Name of business: TSS Photography

Address of business: 44 Old Highway 22, Clinton Town

Type of business: Youth sports photography

Principal: John & Karen Majoris

How long in business: 12 years

Number of employees: Two

Telephone number: 908-752-4777

Website: www.tssphotography.com/dnn/jmajoris

and sweat shirts. Their latest speciality is the life-sized WallPix photo that is printed on a removable and reusable fabric sticker that won't tear and can be put on almost any surface. TSS then ships the finished items directly to the parent, coach or school.

And because it was an interest in being more involved in the community, Majoris takes a portion of the proceeds from each photo shoot and donates back to the school or organization to help with their fundraising efforts.

Majoris said the aerial photography business is still active, and he still flies his Cessna Cardinal out of Alexandria Field a couple times a week, weather depending.

"Commercial realty business is slow now, but it will come back," Majoris said.

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