



**Monique Trudnowski**

*Manager and Owner of the  
Adriatic Grill in Tacoma, Wash.*

# Tourism feeds community pride.

Monique Trudnowski knows first-hand the importance of hospitality to visitors.

“Growing up in the military and living all over the world, my family wanted to see every site the locals were proud of. Now that I am a business owner and resident of Pierce County, I am passionate about extending the same hospitality and experience to visitors.”

“Tourism brings dollars to our local economy, creates jobs and fuels the pride we have in Tacoma. As a business owner, partnering with our hoteliers has been one of the most successful campaigns we have ever had.”

With husband Bill Trudnowski, Monique co-owns Tacoma’s Adriatic Grill—Italian Cuisine + Wine Bar. After growing up all over the world as an army child, when Monique and her family settled at Fort Lewis, they decided out of all the places in the world, this is where they wanted to be long-term. For 26 years now, Monique has called Pierce County home.

As a major factor to Tacoma’s economy, the benefits of tourism are tremendous. In 2011, travelers to Tacoma spent \$389.5 million and generated \$28.9 million in state and local tax revenues, creating 4,500 jobs with \$101.7 million in earnings.



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