



## Lester Luiggie

*Founder and Owner  
Luigi's Detail Club*

## Puerto Rico

Lester founded Luigi's Detail Club LLC two years ago, at the age of 25. He has successfully grown the company in that short amount of time to be able to hire their first employee and procure a van that makes the business mobile. Luigi's Detail Club brings the services to the customers at their work or home. Lester also used his creativity and innovation to single-handedly outfit the van with a water source and electricity for the detailing tools. He has built his customer base to the point where he's doing full details for 5-7 customers/week, in addition to a handful of smaller detailing projects. Lester comes from a background unlike that of anyone I know.

Although Puerto Rico is a US territory, he did not grow up with the general education or English education available to us here in the United States. Lester became an orphan when he was 6 years old. He and his siblings were split up and Lester spent his life, up until his early 20's, in foster care in the San Juan child services system. He moved around frequently and had over 100 different foster families. In his early 20's, Lester was adopted by a local Pittsburgh family and moved here permanently. He had received some basic education in Puerto Rico, but arrived here with limited English.

Lester has worked incredibly hard over the last few years to make a place for himself in Pittsburgh and in the local Pittsburgh economy. He has shown ingenuity, creativity, determination, and discipline and would be an excellent person to win the "Rising Star" award. Lester exemplifies the idea that newcomers to Pittsburgh can build something real and substantial.