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BUSINESS PERSON of the YEAR

Jan Gudis founded Buyers Choice Funding in January of 2004. It is a licensed mortgage broker business that does more than just offer great rates and services for all. It also specializes in helping people overcome life's negative events (medical emergencies, divorce, loss of job) and minimize the damage to their good credit and financial health. Buyers Choice offers the Fresh Start Program and helps families create a plan to purchase a home, create budgets and get control of their finances. Gudis explains, "It is very rewarding to meet a family in trouble and work with them, and know we helped them get through a tough time."

Jan has not only been involved in helping countless families to achieve a better life. She also has been active in the communities of Oviedo and Winter Springs. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Oviedo Chamber of Commerce and the Oviedo Toastmasters Club. Also, for the last two years, she has served as Chairperson of the Taste of Oviedo.

Jan's talents are not limited to being a mortgage broker. Prior to her launching of Buyers Choice, Gudis owned Stage One Productions. She was responsible for creating and managing budgets, contract negotiations and accounting of entertainment events. These have included the 1994 World Cup, 1996 Olympics and 1998 ESPN X-Games. She also produced numerous concerts, fairs, festivals, television shows, and special events – even winning a Sports Emmy for her work on the 1998 X-Games.

Gudis and her husband, **Dennis Havard**, got married in September of 2006 and now live on five acres in Oviedo with their "critters": an American bulldog, a bichon frise, two cats, two birds and lots of fish. Being named Business Person of the Year was quite an honor to Gudis. "In my previous profession, I was always on the road and never a 'member of the community.' Becoming involved with the Chamber has not only been good for my business but has allowed me to meet new people, make new friends and really feel like a member of the community."



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