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After a health scare while umpiring Little League tournament games in Sweeny, master electrician Bob Kotrla made two big decisions in his life. The first was in giving his life to Jesus. The second was to begin his own business.

In December 2018, after taking a buyout package from Dow Chemical, he started Kotrla Electrical Services LLC, and in less than five years, has gained such respect in the quality of work the company provides that it has won The Facts' Readers' Choice Award for best electrical company for four straight years — and Kotrla is intent on making it five when balloting opens next spring.

"We are a company that really strives for quality," he said. "We would never do anything in customers homes that we wouldn't do in our own mom's homes or the homes where our kids live. We want people to know they were treated like family, if not better."



Doing work for others was ingrained in Kotrla as he grew up in Angleton with his parents Al and Betty Kotrla. His father, Al, was also an electrician, was always doing something around the house, at the hunting ranch in Freer or at the

American Legion Hall. After graduating from Angleton High School in 1988, he didn't end his education there. While working 10-hour days in the plants as a contractor for United Electrical and Instrumentation, he took electrical classes in the evening, earning his certification in 1994.

While he had a successful career in the plants, he took a buyout from Dow because "I felt like God was wanting me to do something for myself through others."

"I felt the need to do something that was rewarding and gratifying each day," Kotrla said, "where I was able to help others by providing them with a service and trade that I was given and worked for."

Among the services he offers are electrical system design for new construction and remodels, residential and commercial wiring, permits and inspections, electrical meter installation, data wiring and generator installation. The company also recently took work as a subcontractor for a solar energy company.

All of the services Kotrla and his team provide will be done with customer satisfaction at the forefront, he said.

"We really want our customers to feel as though they are more than just people," Kotrla said. "We get to know them and things about their families, including the animals. We go to work in somebody's house when they may be building new or remodeling, but when we leave, we want it to feel like home."



Kotrla makes his home in Sweeny with his wife, Toni who he met and married in 1996, and their sons, Cody and Caden, who he hopes to hand over the family business to in the future. He enjoys living in the town and being able to give back to the community, he said, whether it is through working with Sweeny Little League as an umpire or taking on projects to help out locals. To get a first-hand experience of Kotrla Electric Services' quality and attention to customer satisfaction, call 979-314-9676, visit its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KotrlaElectricalServices or stop by at 804 Brockman St. in Sweeny



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