In order to learn the craft of making fine chocolates, Albert Kirchmayr moved back to Germany and worked for five years at a confectioner’s in Munich. Additionally, he attended a course in Switzerland to widen his understanding of the "sweet" trade. After his intensive training in the art of chocolate making, Albert Kirchmayr decided that the time for opening his own chocolate shop had come. In 1979 he bought the required tools, moved back to Baltimore, and founded "Kirchmayr Chocolatier." Among his quality selection, he offered chocolate Santa Clauses made according to German traditions.

Many of Albert Kirchmayr’s customers perceived these Santa Clauses as "very grumpy" and would not buy the fine figurines. For this reason, Albert Kirchmayr asked the mould manufacturer to specifically design a “happy” looking Santa Claus for his business, which would (hopefully) make his customers happy too.

"Kirchmayr Chocolatier" ran successfully for 32 years, but in the spring of 2020 Albert Kirchmayr, "heavy-heartedly," decided to close his business due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many newspapers in Baltimore and surroundings announced the sad news and an overwhelming number of customers got in touch with Albert Kirchmayr, now 64 years old, as an expression of gratitude.