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to open this month and

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# ANNOUNCING JASMINE KITCHEN! Official Opening is February 10, 2020

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### Reflections from a Grateful Heart \



As we prepare to launch Jasmine Kitchen, I can't help but feel overwhelmed with joy and gratitude. It's a true gift to see something that started out as seeds planted in the hearts of a few, grow into a flourishing community that recognizes the value and dignity of women living on the margins.

Our social enterprises are a critical next step in fulfilling our mission to heal, empower, and employ survivors. Not only will Jasmine Kitchen employ residents and graduates, but it will also create and serve food to our community that is "seasoned with love." We stand as witnesses to the power of love that can change a life. Our hope is that lives will be changed here, margins will be erased, and food will be served to nourish both our bodies and souls.

I am reminded of what Father Gregory Boyle (Homeboy Industries) has so eloquently stated: "We are sent to the margins, NOT to make a difference, but so that the folks on the margins will make us different."

We hope this Kitchen will be a place where our community can come together, without judgement, where differences don't have to divide but can be celebrated. And, a place where we realize we are a lot more alike than we are different.

-Beth Messick, Executive Director

### Meet Chefs Nicci & Sarah

We are super excited to introduce to you our Executive Chef Nicci Hughes and Sous Chef Sarah Dake. They both were part of the team that opened Oak & Honey, just over a year ago with Nicci at the helm. Both are 2015 graduates of the Greenville Tech Culinary Program, and combined they have more than 30 years of experience in the restaurant industry. We are thrilled to have such talented and energetic leaders to help us launch and grow Jasmine Kitchen.



## Partner Spotlight: Kitchen Sync

For the daunting task of opening a new social enterprise restaurant, we knew that we would need a like-minded partner with extensive experience. Kitchen Sync owner Kevin Feeny immediately captured our hearts with the thoughtful way he spoke about wanting to make an impact. Kevin and his team embrace a triple bottom line philosophy that nurtures people, planet and profit equally. As America's #1 independently owned Green Certified Restaurant,



Kitchen Sync has won awards for environmental conservation. Kevin is the driving force behind Kitchen Sync's desire to help guide the people and communities it touches toward intergenerational stewardship and civic responsibility.



As part of their mission to "co-create a world worth inheriting one bite at a time," Kitchen Sync launched the Kitchen Sync Stewardship Foundation (KiSS) and Jasmine Kitchen is incredibly honored to be chosen as its first beneficiary.

The KiSS award comes in the form of time, talent and treasure. The financial component was designated to support sustainability by installing 33 solar panels on our building. In addition, Kevin has been instrumental in the design of the space

and concept and has shepherded our leadership team through the process of developing a business that will include an apprenticeship program to teach skills and nurture individual professional development and leadership. We are honored and grateful to join hands with Kitchen Sync as together we launch Jasmine Kitchen and champion social enterprise and community building as a means of changing lives in Greenville.

