

Nana's Southern Kitchen
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PRESS RELEASE

Black, Family-Owned Kent Restaurant, Nana's Southern Kitchen, Thrives, Hires During COVID-19

August 3, 2020 - Kent's recently opened Nana's Southern Kitchen is thriving during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic thanks to their commitment to community, exceptional service, and traditional Southern recipes straight from Great-Grandma's kitchen.

Nana's Southern Kitchen, on Kent's East Hill, serves the community distinctly Southern comfort foods. Since opening in December 2019, they have gained a huge following, including Seahawks fan-favorite KJ Wright and Rainier Beach High School standout, Brooklyn Nets Point Guard Jamal Crawford. Nana's, Wright, and the Puget Sound Boys and Girls Clubs even teamed up to serve 150 meals to children in the community. Their growth is punctuated by their commitment to continue hiring people to meet the increasing demand.

Nana's community focus comes from their namesake's belief in bringing people together, learning life lessons, and welcoming everyone.

Co-owner Todd Minor says, "With the current social environment, it's more important than ever to have difficult conversations and bring people closer together. Through hospitality, we are able to create that space and understanding. We welcome everyone and I'm really proud of our diverse customer base."

Nana's Southern Kitchen started as the dream of the Minor family. Despite living on separate coasts, they eventually got everyone together to make it happen. Four generations of the Minor family now live in Kent to support and share their family recipes with the community.

Nana's is named after Todd's great-grandmother Myrtle Henderson who was born in Goshen, Virginia and later moved to New Haven, Connecticut. As a mother and grandmother, Myrtle, cooked and served family and friends the same foods you can enjoy today in the restaurant.

“Service was in my Great-Grandma’s DNA. She made sure everyone always had a full belly whether they were going to work, church, or school. We do the same, ensuring our customers get exceptional service even while on the go with our takeout meals.”

Nana’s is co-owned by Kent residents Tanieka and Todd Minor. Todd is actively engaged in Kent, serving as a Kent Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and formerly running for a council position. He and his wife Tanieka live on Kent’s East Hill with their 5 children.

Nana’s Southern Kitchen opened December 6, 2019, and serves Southern staples, as takeout, from a fixed menu, including main dishes of fried chicken, catfish, fried shrimp, and pork chops with sides of potato salad, green beans, mustard or collard greens, cabbage, candied yams, and macaroni and cheese.

Hours: Monday-Saturday 11-7. Sunday 12-5.

Follow Nana’s Southern Kitchen on Facebook for updates and to see where we are going next. Nana’s is open now for takeout.

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