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Organization combats hunger in Minnesota through personal chef experience

Dine4Dinners donates one-quarter of profits to feed people in need

LINDSTROM, Minn. — *Dine4Dinners*, a newly launched organization with a focus on giving back, is working toward combating hunger in Minnesota and beyond through an untraditional business model — one that benefits both foodies and people in need of daily nourishment.

Founder and owner Carline Bengtsson launched *Dine4Dinners* to pursue her passion of helping others and creating memorable meals. Customers choose their dining experience, ranging from \$50 to \$75 per person, and Bengtsson meets them at their home or in a mutual space and prepares a gourmet dining experience. One quarter of the net proceeds then go to organizations that provide meals for those in need through dependable, reliable, and sustainable sources.

Organizations who are receiving the proceeds include Second Harvest Heartland, Family Pathways, Feed My Starving Children and Meals from the Heart.

"I want to help the community through my love of cooking," said Bengtsson, who is a native of Jamaica and now resides in Lindstrom, Minnesota. "Dine4Dinners is an infusion of my two passions, inspired by community service and my travels throughout the world."

After studying art at Concordia University - St. Paul, Bengtsson published her first cookbook called, *Carline's Fork & Cork Simply Delish!* in 2015. She continued to create recipes and share them with family and friends, drawing on inspiration for simply delish creations from her belief that food should be made with simple, fresh ingredients, as well as pleasing to the eye and palate. Her recipes are an infusion of culturally rich ingredients from Jamaica, Scandinavia and Asia. *Dine4Dinners* experiences include popular palate teasers, such as the "One Bite App," which consists of blackberry, mint leaf, pineapple, pepperoni and swiss cheese finished with clover honey.

In 2019, Bengtsson left her corporate role with Medtronic to pursue her passion full-time, launching *Dine4Dinners* in June 2020. Within the first week of launch, Bengtsson served a gathering of eight in Mound, Minnesota, and she has since booked more than a dozen more in the coming weeks.

About Dine4Dinners

Dine4Dinners is dedicated to combating hunger in Minnesota and beyond through partnerships with organizations that provide meals for those in need of daily nourishment through dependable, reliable and sustainable sources. Learn more at dine4dinners.org or on Instagram @mosaicdelish.

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