

Nana's Southern Kitchen

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PRESS RELEASE

Nana's Southern Kitchen and Community Partners to Hand Out 1,200 Free Meals Christmas Day

December 20, 2021 – Nana's Southern Kitchen restaurant has again partnered with several Microsoft employees and community members to hand out 1,200 free meals on Christmas Day at their two restaurants.

Nana's Southern Kitchen has expanded their free Christmas meal program to include their newly opened Covington location. And with the generosity of Microsoft executives and community members, Nana's Southern Kitchen is providing 1,200 total meals, 600 at both the Kent and Covington Nana's restaurants. Last year, Nana's gave out 400 meals in Kent.

Microsoft Executive Vice Presidents Judson Althoff and Amy Hood, Microsoft Corporate Vice Presidents Dametra Johnson-Marletti and Microsoft Vice President Alex Cook led the donation efforts this year, giving more than 100 meals each. Nana's Southern Kitchen staff is inspired by all of those who contributed whether it was one or 500 meals. Every meal makes a positive impact. Nana's has also had countless volunteers step up to ensure this year's success. Nana's is beyond thankful to those who are giving time on Christmas Day.

From **11am-1pm Christmas Day**, the public can come to Nana's in Kent or Covington for one free main dish with two sides per person. Staff is asking that everyone wear face masks and bring their patience as they work to serve 1,200 customers.

This is the second year that Nana's will give free meals to anyone in need. The event continues the welcoming spirit of Nana's namesake Myrtle Henderson. According to Nana's owner Todd Minor, "My great grandmother, Nana, used her food to bring people together, teach life lessons and welcomed everyone."

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.

According to Todd, “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 Southern Kitchen serves Southern staples, 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. The Kent location caters to takeout while the Covington restaurant offers ample seating for indoor dining.

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 in Kent and takeout and indoor dining at their Covington location.

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