

Nana's Southern Kitchen

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PRESS RELEASE

Nana's Southern Kitchen and Community Partners to Hand Out 400 Free Meals Christmas Day

December 23, 2020 – Nana's Southern Kitchen restaurant in Kent is partnering with local NBA star and philanthropist Jamal Crawford and several Microsoft employees to hand out 400 free meals on Christmas Day.

After Crawford announced he was giving away meals at Nana's on Christmas Day, Microsoft Executive Vice President of Sales Judson Althoff, and Microsoft Corporate Vice Presidents Dametra Johnson-Marletti and Rodney Clark stepped up to match Crawford's generosity.

From 11am-1pm, the public can come to Nana's for one free main with two sides per person. Staff is asking that everyone wear face masks and bring their patience as they work to serve 400 customers.

This Christmas Day event continues the welcoming spirit of Nana's namesake Myrtle Henderson. According to Nana's co-owner Todd Minor, "My great grandmother, Nana, used her food to bring people together, teach life lessons and welcomed everyone."

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 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 is co-owned by Kent residents Tanieka and Todd Minor. Todd is the senior director of Microsoft's Worldwide Commercial Business Sales Academy and 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.

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