

## **Nana's Southern Kitchen**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Family-Owned Kent Restaurant, Nana's Southern Kitchen, Celebrates a Successful First Year**

December 3, 2020 – Despite opening shortly before an ongoing global pandemic, Kent's Nana's Southern Kitchen (Nana's) has not only survived, it has easily navigated the most challenging time for any restaurant, far exceeding our expectations in the first year. Nana's staff is welcoming everyone to celebrate their achievement next week.

Nana's co-owner Todd Minor credits the community and his staff for the success, saying, "Opening a new restaurant is always difficult, but with God's grace, our amazing team and your outstanding support, we had an incredible first year! Even a global pandemic didn't slow us down."

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.

As part of his personal thank you letter to customers, Minor wrote, "My great grandmother, Nana, used her food to bring people together, teach life lessons and welcomed everyone. We have laughed together, even cried together, we have learned together but through it all we feel our family has grown, you are family."

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.

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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