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This October, Support Giving Kitchen and Food Service Workers Nationwide Dine With Gratitude and Raise Critical Funds for the Food Service Industry

[ATLANTA, GA] - <u>Giving Kitchen</u>, a James Beard Foundation Award-winning nonprofit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance and a network of community resources to food service workers in times of crisis, is urging diners across the nation to support <u>Dining With Gratitude</u> this October, to help raise critical funds for the food service industry and critical awareness of the organization's vital work.

"Dining With Gratitude is a celebration of gratitude, compassion, and the incredible resilience of our food service community, said Giving Kitchen Board Member, <a href="Chef">Chef</a> <a href="Andrew Zimmern</a>. "It is a chance for us to come together, lift each other up, and make a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most."

Throughout the entire month of October, Giving Kitchen invites guests to show their gratitude to the food service industry by dining at participating <u>Dining With Gratitude</u> restaurants, or by making a direct donation to Giving Kitchen in honor of a food service worker. Make your plan to dine out and donate by viewing the <u>full list of participating</u> <u>restaurants</u> on Giving Kitchen's website. Each restaurant is pledging to raise at least \$1,000 and committed to educating their staff about how Giving Kitchen can help their team members during an unexpected crisis.

"By participating in Dining With Gratitude, you are joining a national community of Giving Kitchen supporters," said <u>Bryan Schroeder</u>, Giving Kitchen's Executive Director. "Dining With Gratitude shows food service workers in your local community that they deserve dignity, opportunity, and stability, and that Giving Kitchen has their backs."

Over the past decade, Giving Kitchen has achieved remarkable growth, becoming a vital lifeline for thousands of individuals and families within the food service industry who ask for help. Since its inception in 2013, Giving Kitchen has served over 14,000 food service workers and awarded an astonishing \$10 million dollars to food service workers in crisis. These incredible accomplishments highlight Giving Kitchen's unwavering commitment to the well-being of food service workers who share their culinary talents to create special memories for diners.

Dining with Gratitude would not be possible without GK's DWG sponsors. Special thank you to presenting sponsors, Bearded Iris Brewing and Scofflaw Brewing Co., matching sponsor, Revel Systems, and media sponsors, *Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles, Atlanta Magazine, and Restaurant Informer*.

"At both <u>Bearded Iris</u> and <u>Scofflaw</u>, we're proud to be long-standing supporters of Giving Kitchen in their work to provide emergency assistance to food service workers. These workers are the heartbeat of our industry," said Matt Moore, <u>Bearded Iris</u> and <u>Scofflaw</u>, VP of Marketing. "Dining With Gratitude presents a great opportunity to come together with other organizations and join in helping sustain Giving Kitchen's mission for years to come."

Pencil in a date night, grab your friends, and Dine With Gratitude this October! Support Giving Kitchen and thank the people who share their culinary talents with us by <u>Dining With Gratitude</u> from October 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> and visit <u>GivingKitchen.org/DWG</u> for a list of participating restaurants and ways to get involved.

## **About Giving Kitchen:**

Giving Kitchen (GK) is a nonprofit organization that provides emergency assistance to food service workers through financial support and a network of community resources. Their goal is to create a food service community in which crises are met with compassion and care. Giving Kitchen is a James Beard Humanitarian of the Year award winner and <a href="Fast Company's 2022 Brands That Matter">Fast Company's 2022 Brands That Matter</a>. Since its inception, GK has served over 14,000 food service workers and awarded over \$10 million in financial assistance.

For more about Giving Kitchen, visit givingkitchen.org and follow @givingkitchen on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.

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