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Feed Louisville Partnering with Local Restaurants to Celebrate Three Years of Serving Louisville's Houseless Community

Restaurant patrons encouraged to make a donation to share a meal with a member of Louisville's unhoused community

LOUISVILLE, KY, March 6, 2023 – Feed Louisville is celebrating its third birthday by encouraging Louisville restaurant patrons to share a meal with a member of Louisville's unhoused community as part of a month-long fundraising campaign. With a donation of just \$3.25, Feed Louisville can prepare and deliver a hot, nutritious meal to a houseless neighbor.

Chef Rhona Kamar and seasoned outreach worker Donny Greene co-founded Feed Louisville in March 2020 at the start of the Coronavirus pandemic with a mission to meet the daily basic human needs of Louisville's unhoused community, while working to remove the barriers to permanent housing.

Three years after opening its doors, Feed Louisville has prepared more than 300,000 meals for Louisville's houseless community. A team of chefs and volunteers now prepares up to 800 hot, nutrient-dense meals daily to feed Louisville's houseless community. Many of the ingredients used in these meals are rescued from local restaurant partners to keep good food out of landfills.

Feed Louisville has now expanded its services to include a housing navigation program, utilizing temporary hotel stays and a team of care coordinators to help move unhoused folks through the process of finding housing. Since launching the program in October 2022, Feed Louisville has helped move close to 60 people into permanent housing.

"We are extremely proud to have accomplished so much in our first three years, and we know this work has laid a foundation for so much more," said Rhona Kamar, Feed Louisville Co-Founder and Executive Director. "When we treat ourselves to a meal from one of Louisville's restaurants, we should always consider our neighbors who don't know where they'll get their next meal. That's where we come in."

More than a dozen restaurants throughout the city are coming together in support of Feed Louisville's mission by accepting donations and educating patrons on how to support the unhoused community throughout the month of March. Visit the following restaurants to learn more:

- **Bandido's University of Louisville;** 423 University Boulevard
- **Bandido's Westport;** 2901 Goose Creek Road
- **Blue Dog Bakery;** 2868 Frankfort Avenue
- **Butchertown Grocery Bakery;** 743 East Main Street
- **Ford Employee Café;** 11200 Westport Road



- **Georgia's Sweet Potato Pie Company;** 1559 Bardstown Road
- **Hammerheads;** 921 Swan Street
- **Logan Street Market;** 1001 Logan Street
- **Mayan Café;** 813 East Market Street
- **Ramsi's Café on the World;** 1293 Bardstown Road
- **West Sixth Brewery;** 817 East Market Street
- **Wiltshire Pantry Bakery & Café;** 901 Barret Avenue
- **Wiltshire Pantry Bakery & Café;** 605 West Main Street

While all donations are accepted, restaurant patrons are encouraged to contribute at one of the following donor levels:

- \$10 will provide three hot, nutritious meal that are prepared by a team of chefs and delivered to a houseless neighbor.
- \$30 will feed a houseless neighbor for a week.
- \$100 will provide a month's worth of food for one person.

Learn more about Feed Louisville's mission on their [website](#), including opportunities to volunteer and make an impact through donations.

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Feed Louisville was founded in 2020 with the goal of meeting the daily basic human needs of Louisville's houseless community while working to remove the barriers to permanent housing.

Feed Louisville's street outreach team takes hot food, water, supplies and services directly to people living in encampments and on the streets daily around the City of Louisville, Ky. The organization's team of chefs prepare thousands of meals a week to support the work of the outreach and housing navigation teams. A team of qualified care coordinators work one-on-one with folks during hotel stays to assess their needs and help remove blocks to permanent housing. The organization partners with multiple agencies in the community to provide resources for the various challenges that can be both the cause of, and traumatic response to, homelessness.

Feed Louisville was founded at the beginning of the pandemic by Chef Rhona Kamar and Donny Greene, a seasoned outreach worker who has been working in solidarity with people experiencing homelessness in our community for years. The work started with a conversation and has grown into a network of chefs, restaurants, food companies, farmers, outreach workers, social workers and countless volunteers who work together daily to stop this humanitarian crisis happening in Louisville.