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Culinary manager and chef Tina Hogue and managing board member Kathryn Morwood make upcycled candy bars at Jasmine Kitchen on Nov. 11. PHOTOS BY JOSH MORGAN/STAFF

Over \$100K raised for Sunshine Fund so far

Annual effort aims to assist less fortunate families in the Upstate

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The Sunshine Fund has raised \$107,061 since Thanksgiving. And there still time to raise more.

Sponsored by The Greenville News and WYFF 4, the Holiday Sunshine Fund is a seasonal fundraising campaign dedicated to raising money for local organizations that help families with necessities such as food, clothing and financial assistance.

The campaign is completely volunteer-based, and because there are no administrative costs, 100% of the money raised goes directly to the recipients.

Recipients of the funds have included the Center for Developmental Services, Compass of Carolina, Downtown Outreach, St. Anthony of Padua, Triune Mercy Center, and United Ministries.

There's still time to contribute to the Holiday Sunshine Fund. The campaign runs until Dec. 31. To make a donation, visit holidaysunshinefund.org or mail it to Holiday Sunshine Fund, P.O. Box 1688, Greenville, SC 29602.

New chef, products

What's new about Jasmine Kitchen

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The reemergence of Jasmine Kitchen onto the Greenville food scene can perhaps best be summed up by this—chicken and stars. The social enterprise café's new signature soup is made from a rich chicken bone broth, freshly roasted chicken, veggies, turmeric, and noodle stars, and it captures the whimsical but gourmet approach that will guide Jasmine Kitchen moving forward.

Much has transpired in the six months since Jasmine Kitchen closed its doors in June, the chicken and stars soup being but one thing. Others include a new culinary team, a new boxed lunch catering focus, and gift baskets. Oh wait, and a garden and a new line of baked goods.

"The downtime was a chance to look at what was working and what wasn't working," said Kathryn Norwood, Jasmine Road board chair. "It was like we need to look at everything."

The team saw an opportunity to bring Jasmine Kitchen back in a way that was even better.

The changes come as Jasmine Kitchen, like other restaurants these days, is navigating COVID-19, but it also comes as the social enterprise arm of Jasmine Road, is finding its footing.

Jasmine opened on Feb. 10, just five weeks before Gov. Henry McMaster ordered restaurants to close indoor dining due to COVID-19. Jasmine pivoted to takeout, but the restaurant had been designed with in-person dining and so ultimately, the leadership team decided to close temporarily.

The time has been a boon, and now, the restaurant is better positioned to serve the community and Jasmine



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Road.

For now, the café is finding its niche, serving healthy boxed lunches to go and focusing on its mini-market, which sells handmade products like candles, notecards, and jewelry. Aside from the aforementioned chicken and stars soup, the menu includes new salads, soups, and sandwiches, along with a new line of baked goods, thanks to newly hired sous chef, Michelle Carter.

Along with newly hired executive chef, Tina Hogue, the culinary team is clearly having fun.

Hogue brings a varied background, with roots in Austin, Texas, and Reno, Nevada. The classically trained chef also has a degree in journalism and a penchant for visual storytelling – so look for a stepped-up Instagram presence.

She's also got lots of ideas. "Comfort food is not black and white, and it's different for everyone," she said. "I think if you make something with love

and you share it with somebody, there's no reason it can't be their new bowl of comfort food."

Hogue also brings a penchant for testing a variety of flavors. She has worked at fine-dining Italian restaurants, in banquet, in high-end hotels, and also owned her own Asian-Tex Mex food truck for three years.

The truck, Burnt Orange, was known for pushing the flavor limits and expectations just a little. Dishes included a sambal chicken quesadilla with kimchi ranch and a carnitas torta with kimchi lime dressing.

That same gentle push will come to life at Jasmine, where familiar flavors and new will come together in the scratch-made salads, soups, and sandwiches.

"The goal was for it to be different but approachable," Hogue said of her food then and her food now. "A lot of

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\$35K now raised to feed Greenville families

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Over the weekend, the community poured more than \$7,000 into an effort to feed Greenville area families over the holidays.

Those funds were contributed to the Goodfellows Food Drive, an annual fundraiser of the James F. Daniel Jr. American Legion Post 3.

The food drive, which launched on Thanksgiving Day, had raised \$28,000 by Dec. 17. The fundraising total early Monday was \$35,500, according to Don Patterson, Goodfellows chairman.

The James F. Daniel Jr. American Legion Post 3 plans to use the donations to bless more than 1,000 families in Greenville with a free box of food.

Since the 1920s, the Goodfellows Food Drive has provided first baskets, then boxes of food, to less fortunate families during the holiday season.

Goodfellows and volunteers will pack the food boxes Tuesday and distribute them Wednesday at the Greenville Convention Center, Hall 2.

Recipients must have a voucher to receive a box.

Monetary donations may still be mailed to The Goodfellows Club, P.O. Box 133, Greenville, SC 29602. Credit or debit card donations are also accepted. For more information or to make a donation over the phone, call 864-230-7960.

It's the most wasteful time of the year

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Andy Williams might say, "It's the most wonderful time of the year," but it's also the most wasteful time of the year.

People in South Carolina, alone, generate 960,000 tons of garbage between November and January, according to the

state Department of Health and Environmental Control. Nationwide, according to a report from Stanford University, Americans throw away on average 25% more trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, and that extra waste amounts to 25 million tons.

Ultimately, recycling and reducing waste helps the environment in a number of ways, according to the federal Environmental Protection Agency and

other experts.

DHEC suggests one simple way to contribute around the holidays — use old newspapers, maps and blueprints for wrapping presents.

"Recycling conserves resources," said DHEC Media Relations Director Laura Rhenwick. "It reduces pollution, saves energy and reduces the need to build landfills."

Businesses can follow suit of reduc-

ing and reusing during the holidays, too. A local company in Spartanburg, Its All Wrapped Up LLC, reuses wrapping materials for all occasions.

"I use wrapping paper, but I have different ornamentations that I put on my gifts as well," said owner Yolanda Keenan. "I use whatever is available. It's recycling, which basically means I just

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times I think people try to make it too fancy and different and I wanted people to say look there is nothing to be afraid of here. It's kimchi but it's ranch dressing."

The lull in daily restaurant operations has also allowed leadership to focus on Jasmine's apprenticeship program which is foundational to the overall mission of providing job training and gainful employment for women in Jasmine Road's residency program.

The café is working with Bridge City Coffee and Kitchen Sync on collaborations and on setting in place a formal program by the coming year.

"That's the primary mission, to provide employment and training and mentoring in a safe space," Norwood

said.

While Jasmine Kitchen is not funding Jasmine Road just yet, Norwood said, "I do think we'll be a self-sustaining viable business this year."

Jasmine Kitchen will remain a take-out only establishment for now, offering sandwiches, soups, salads and baked goods, and gift boxes. But come January, plans include opening the dining room again, and launching a new menu of weekly take and bake meals as well. The meals will range from casseroles to pot pies and will be designed to feed a family.

Jasmine Kitchen is located at 503 Augusta St., Greenville. Hours are 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. To go orders can be made by calling the café at 864-263-3374, or online at jasminekitchen.org

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trim off portions of wrapping paper when I'm wrapping a particular gift. I don't ever throw it away, because to me its inventory and there's an opportunity to use it again for another gift."

Keenan said in the long haul she's saving money and the environment while creatively adding texture and beauty to the wrapping.

Discarded food and food scraps,

shopping bags and Christmas trees add to holiday waste, too. Smart planning to avoid discarded food in the first place, finding options aside from discarding, using reusable shopping bags and recycling Christmas trees at stations operated by local governments are strategies to try.

Here are more:

DHEC tips for recycling and waste reduction for the holidays

- Keep a more waste-free kitchen by finding out what's already in the kitchen before heading to the store
- Give waste-less gifts such as gym

memberships, certificates or lessons

- Prevent food waste by providing reusable containers for guests
- Using LED lights for trees and outdoor decorations. LED lights last 10 times longer and use 80% less energy
- Find out where local officials will accept Christmas trees to grind or recycle
- In Anderson County drop off areas: Agnew Road, Civic Center, King David and White Street Convenience Centers.
- In Greenville County drop off areas:

Holmes Park, Timmons Park, Gower Park and West Greenville Community Center.

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- Donate food to help one in eight Americans who struggle with hunger — nearly 600,440 in South Carolina, according to Feeding America, a domestic hunger-relief organization.

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Obituaries

TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date	Arrangements
Stewart, Donnie E.	75	Easley	25-Dec	Robinson Funeral Home Powdersville Road
Rogers, Gary M.	68	Fair Play	24-Dec	Sandifer Funeral Home Inc
Bennett, Anne	80	Greenville	26-Dec	The Howze Mortuary
*Carson, Mary Jane Sutherland	93	Greenville	27-Dec	Mackey Funerals and Cremations at Century Drive
Horne, Alan M.	67	Greenville	24-Dec	Mackey Funerals and Cremations at Century Drive
Long, Bobby Edward	-	Greenville	24-Dec	Davenport Funeral Home
Simmons, Jr., Wilbur Bernard	71	Greenville	26-Dec	Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Northwest
Arrowood, William Henry	95	Greer	22-Dec	The Howze Mortuary
Bell, Tammy	62	Piedmont	25-Dec	Gray Mortuary Pelzer
*Wasnesky, Carole Ann (Dye)	76	Scottsdale	15-Dec	Messenger Mortuary
Ziegler, Arleen J.	80	Seneca	25-Dec	Davenport Funeral Home
Ball, Harvey	70	Simpsonville	27-Dec	Heritage Funeral Home
Cohen, Stuart B.	71	Simpsonville	26-Dec	Heritage Funeral Home
Ferney, Darlene	77	Simpsonville	26-Dec	Thomas McAfee Funeral Home
Francis, James "Boo"	90	Simpsonville	26-Dec	Thomas McAfee Funeral Home
*Pitts, Evelyn L	90	Simpsonville	20-Dec	Watkins Garrett and Woods Mortuary
Davis, Houston	77	Taylors	24-Dec	Mackey Funerals and Cremations at Woodlawn Memorial Park
Cannon, Virginia Pauline Kelley	92	Walhalla	24-Dec	Davenport Funeral Home
Gomez, Raquel Gutierrez	47	Walhalla	25-Dec	Davenport Funeral Home

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Carole Ann (Dye) Wasnesky

SCOTTSDALE - Carole Ann (Dye) Wasnesky, 76, of Scottsdale, passed away peacefully at home on 15 December 2020, after an extended illness.

Born in Anderson, South Carolina, Mrs. Wasnesky was the daughter of the late Howard Edward Dye and Frances Campbell Dye. She graduated from Anderson College (now University) in 1964, followed by Erskine College in 1966, with a B.A. in Education and Psychology.

She graduated flight school in 1966, then spent her first three years following college travelling extensively internationally as a flight attendant for Pan American World Airways. She was an active member of World Wings for many years.

She completed her Master's Degree in Education at San Jose State University in 1978.

Mrs. Wasnesky served for 39 years as a reading specialist and elementary to middle school teacher. She specialized in early assessment and intervention, enjoyed mentoring student teachers in her classroom simultaneously, and particularly loved teaching first and second grades. While teaching full time, she completed an additional 150+ hours of graduate education beyond her Master's Degree, attaining multiple advanced specialty certifications in education.

She was a faithful member of Valley Presbyterian Church of Paradise Valley for 35 years, where she served as a deacon; she additionally volunteered for many years welcoming everyone as lead usher.

Among her favorite activities, she enjoyed crossword puzzles, scrabble, reading, music, world travel, genealogy, exercise, attending Phoenix Suns basketball games, spending time with her family, and animals, especially her German Shepherds. She will also be remembered as a talented pianist and home cook.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Peter ("Sonny") Paul Wasnesky, Jr. of the home; a daughter, Cindy Wasnesky, and son, Chris Wasnesky (Cristal), of Scottsdale; two grandchildren, Hayden Wasnesky and Harper Wasnesky, of Scottsdale; a sister, Gail Dye Cole (Dewitt) of Powder Springs, GA, several nephews, and great nephews and nieces.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a daughter, Tricia Renee Wasnesky, and a brother, Robert E. Dye, Sr.

A private graveside committal will be held on 28 December 2020, with Rev. Dr. David Joynt (Valley Presbyterian Church).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Alzheimer's Disease Research.

Messenger Mortuary is assisting the family with arrangements.



Evelyn L Pitts

SIMPSONVILLE - Mrs. Evelyn Lugenia Pitts, 90, passed December 20, 2020 in Blacksburg, South Carolina.

Graveside Service: Tuesday, December 29, 2020, 1:00 p.m. at Greenville Memorial Gardens.



Mary Jane Sutherland Carson

GREENVILLE - Mary Jane Sutherland Carson died December 27, 2020, at Rainey Hospice House in Anderson, South Carolina. Born March 27, 1927, in Nashville, TN, Jane was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sutherland, Jr. She graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1948, where she met her husband, the late Rev. Doctor Thomas Hill Carson, Jr. Jane worked for the University of the South, in Sewanee, TN, while her husband attended Seminary. Following Seminary, Tom and Jane were called to several Episcopal Churches throughout Tom's career. While Jane taught school early in their marriage, her later life was devoted to Tom's ministry, serving as the Rector's wife, most recently at Christ Church Episcopal, in Greenville, SC.

Jane is survived by her two brothers, Clarence Sutherland, III (Susan), and Kirkman Sutherland, both of Nashville, TN. She is also survived by her three children and their spouses, Thomas Hill Carson, III, and his wife Susan of Charlotte, NC, Kay Carson Vaughan, and her husband Rick of Sunset, SC, and Clare Carson Jones, and her husband Bob of Cleveland, SC. She is also survived by her six grandchildren and their spouses, Cindy Carson Soliday (David), and Susie Carson Golden (Ryan), both of Charlotte, NC, Kathy Vaughan Jones (Kevin), and Carson Vaughan (Amy), both of Greenville, SC, Charlotte Jones Ward (Andrew), of Nashville, TN, and Bryson Jones (Elizabeth) of Greenville, SC. In addition, she is survived by fourteen great-grandchildren, Carson and Josh Soliday, Liam Golden, Will Jones, Ella and Millie Vaughan, Mary Moulton, Harper, and Thomas Ward, and Emma Blair, Bryse, Ellie, Emory, and Ruby Kate Jones.

The family will have private services at a later time at Christ Church Episcopal, in Greenville SC, with burial in the Churchyard. The family would like to give a special thanks to all of Jane's neighbors at Rollinggreen Village, for their wonderful friendships. And a special thanks to her caregivers, Ashley, Liz, Tiffany, Rene, and Marie. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Rainey Hospice House, 1835 Rogers Rd, Anderson, SC 29623. www.MackeyCenturyDrive.com



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