

WE ARE CANADA

From small towns to big cities, you'll find restaurants, pubs and cafés at the heart of every Canadian community. With more than 1.2 million employees, we serve up new beginnings for people from all walks of life. With \$75 billion in economic activity, we create spin-off benefits for many industries – from agriculture to music. With 18 million customers a day, we nourish a nation.

From Alert, Nunavut to Pelee Island, Ontario, and from Beaver Creek, Yukon to St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador...we're building our country one meal at a time.

HERE ARE SOME
OF OUR STORIES.



SERVING UP COMMUNITY



OUR COMMITMENT TO GIVING HUMAN BEINGS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IS REFLECTED IN DONATIONS TO MORE THAN 25 LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. THE WELLBEING AND HAPPINESS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES IS IMPORTANT TO US.

— Nathalie Lehoux, President
Pacini Restaurants Inc., La Prairie, QC

SERVING UP PASSION

TO ME, RUNNING A RESTAURANT IS ALL ABOUT PASSION – THE PASSION TO SHARE A LITTLE PIECE OF ZIMBABWE IN CANADA.

— Evis Chirowamhangu, Owner
Mnandi Pies, Toronto, ON



SERVING UP SECOND CHANCES



AFTER LOSING AN ARM IN A WORKPLACE ACCIDENT, I DECIDED TO OPEN THE NEW ALYCIA'S FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WHO STILL MISS MY BABA'S COOKING AND THE ORIGINAL ALYCIA'S. MY DISABILITY IS A GIFT I SHARE WITH OTHERS.

— Aaron Blanchard, Owner
The New Alycia's, Gimli, MB

SERVING UP A LEGACY



OUR PARENTS CREATED A PLACE WHERE IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES GATHERED. NOW MY SISTER AND I CARRY ON THAT LEGACY AND HAVE REACHED SO MANY MORE CANADIANS, WHO SHARE A SIMILAR SENSE OF GRATITUDE AND GENUINE LOVE FOR VIETNAMESE FOOD.

— Vincent and Amelie Nguyen, Co-owners
Anh And Chi, Vancouver, BC

SERVING UP OPPORTUNITY

I PLEDGED TO HIRE 100 SYRIAN REFUGEES IN MY RESTAURANTS BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE I OWE CANADA A LOT AND WANT TO DO MY PART.

— Mohamad Fakiw, Owner
Paramount Fine Foods, Toronto, ON



SERVING UP DIVERSITY



WE ARE PROUD TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR OUR EFFORTS TO BUILD AN INCLUSIVE SUPPLY CHAIN WITH COMPANIES MANAGED BY ABORIGINALS AND MEMBERS OF VISIBLE MINORITIES.

— Barry Telford, President
Sodexo Canada, Burlington, ON

SERVING UP INCLUSION



WE STARTED A DIALOGUE WITH OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND PLEDGED TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE.

— Frédéric Tandy, Ezra Edelstein, Rosemary McKernan and Jens Heidenreich, Owners
The 244, Halifax, NS

BY THE NUMBERS

94,000 BUSINESSES ACROSS CANADA

\$75 Billion IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

4% OF CANADA'S GDP

1.2 Million DIRECT JOBS

6.9% OF CANADA'S WORKFORCE

1 in 5 YOUTH JOBS

283,000 INDIRECT JOBS IN RELATED INDUSTRIES

\$9.2 Billion IN FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL TAXES

\$277 Million CONTRIBUTED ANNUALLY TO CHARITIES

18 Million VISITS TO RESTAURANTS EVERY DAY

\$25 Billion IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRODUCTS PURCHASED EVERY YEAR

22% OF FIRST JOBS ARE IN THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY



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