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COOKING UP BETTER LIVES ANNOUNCES 2021 BETTER LIVES MAKEOVER WINNER

DENVER, CO – FEBRUARY 2021 – Cooking Up Better Lives has selected a winner for the 2021 Better Lives Makeover: The Lily Pad Café in Ridgeland, Mississippi.

The Lily Pad is a 501c3 non-profit focusing on the employment & training of young adults with special needs. The cafe that will employ and train young adults with special needs in every aspect of food and hospitality service. This training will encompass social and life skills, providing significant experience that might not be gained in a typical setting. The cafe will show the community that individuals with special needs can be an integral part of the workforce and an asset to their communities.

The Lily Pad Café will equip young adults with the training and experience necessary to obtain employment by local businesses so that they can not only achieve their full potential, but also display to the community their abundant talents and abilities.

This nominee was brought forth by Nissco Restaurant Dealer Group's dealer member, Cody Allen of FS-1 Concepts. FS-1 Concepts has pledged services of layout/design, receiving, warehousing, delivery, and installation to the project. "This amazing blessing from Cooking Up Better Lives is going to help make The Lily Pad Cafe a reality sooner than we'd hoped, which is going to be a tremendous blessing for our community," stated Allen.

To learn more, visit: <https://thelilypadms.com/>

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About Cooking Up Better Lives

<http://www.cookingupbetterlives.org>

Cooking Up Better Lives was founded by the foodservice buying group, Excell Marketing, in 2007. In collaboration with Excell's & Nissco's dealer and vendor members, Cooking Up Better Lives seeks to improve the functionality, efficiency, and value of community-based non-profit programs. It is the vision that shelters, homes, hospitals, and other community-based entities in need of foodservice products or funds, have the opportunity to receive and leverage such contributions.

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