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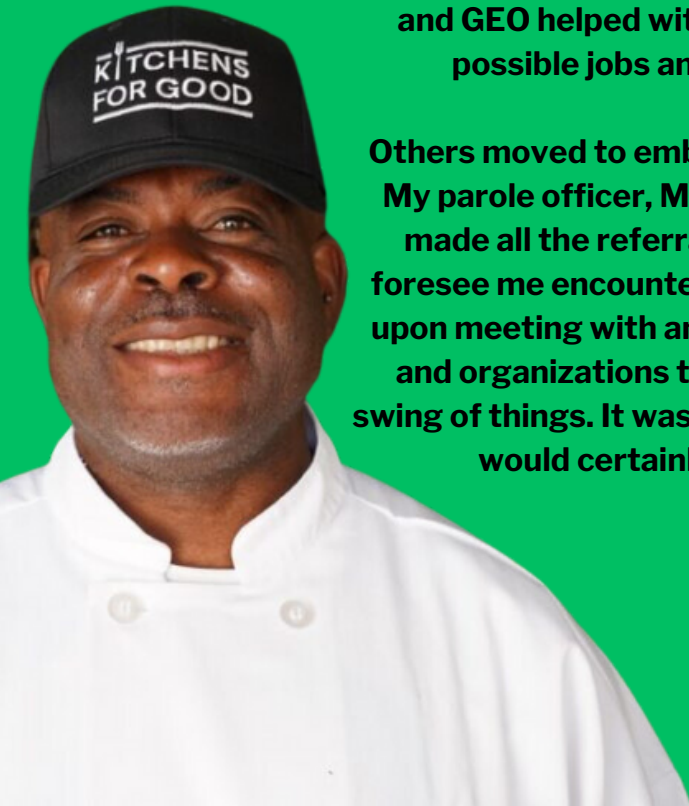
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APPRENTICE SPOTLIGHT LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024

"I have just reached my "one year out of prison" date. I look back on the year and I just go WOW. I didn't know how to use the Internet, cellular phones, or even bus passes. I was feeling dismal for sure. I had no identification, no birth certificate, no social security card, and no place to stay. But then, Angel's Closet helped clothe me, New Day Urban Ministries helped me with my credentials, and Stop and GEO helped with housing. Then I was referred to Kitchens for Good for possible jobs and career moves. All of this has truly been a blessing.

Others moved to embrace me, pick me up, then motivate me to try to succeed. My parole officer, Miss Campbell, was very positive and patient with me. She made all the referrals possible and kept me aware of any pitfalls she could foresee me encountering so that I could be prepared to make the best choices upon meeting with any forks on the road. I am thankful for all these individuals and organizations that helped me reinsert myself back into society and the swing of things. It wasn't easy, and I'm not done yet by far, but without the help, I would certainly have been derelict and destitute. Thank you all."

- Bobby Carter, Cook VVSD -



"2024 here I come, WATCH OUT!

There's so much to be grateful for and excited for this New Year. Mostly, I'm grateful for my growth and determination to not let my past define me. If I can make it, anyone can. I'm so grateful for Kitchens for Good and all the support and encouragement. Without you guys, I wouldn't be where I am today...and of course, I'm grateful for my partner, family, and friends."

- Amber Linkletter, Pantry/Prep Cook-C-Level -



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EMPLOYER PARTNER OF THE YEAR: ISLAND PALMS

Join us in extending heartfelt congratulations to our esteemed Employer Partner of the Year, Island Palms! Island Palms has played a pivotal role in advancing Kitchens for Good's mission and demonstrating unwavering support for our apprentices. Their commitment and contributions as an employer partner have truly made a lasting impact, embodying the spirit of excellence and service that defines our organization. We're proud to celebrate their achievements and look forward to continued success together.

**Congratulations to Chef Andrew and the entire
Island Palms team!**

