



Cooking Up a Promising Business

Gladstone Catering and Fine Foods Johnson County, Kentucky

Laurie Morgan was a professional chef for more than 10 years before she started her catering company, Gladstone Catering and Fine Foods, in Johnson County. At first, she worked part-time by specializing in fresh baked goods to customers in and around Paintsville. It didn't take long for leaders at the city-owned country club to take note of the quality of her food and service and ask her to open a restaurant in the club house of the public golf course.

With no start-up capital of her own, opening The Gladstone Grille proved difficult for Morgan, a professional culinary arts graduate. A \$10,000 loan from MACED helped Morgan purchase equipment and inventory to help her get the permanent location for Gladstone Catering and Fine Foods up and running. MACED also provided Morgan with one-on-one and classroom-based training to help her open the restaurant and manage her accounting systems.

"MACED was very encouraging and informative in assisting with my loan process," Morgan said. "I appreciate all of their help."

Not only does Gladstone Catering offer clients catering options off-site, but it also provides on-site food service for weddings, banquets and other large events that are hosted at the country club. Morgan was able to open just in time for the 2012 summer golf season and is off to a great start in her new small business.

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