

## Kitchen Table Release

We would like to begin by expressing our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has ever shared their time with us. Your time is invaluable, and as life moves swiftly, we sincerely appreciate every moment you've dedicated to us.

We also want to extend our thanks for the generous donations we've received over the years; they've kept us going. When we kicked off Kitchen Table Inc., our mission was to keep things running as long as we could cover our basic needs. But sadly, that's not the case anymore. We can no longer pay the bills and get the food we need.

The Kitchen Table Inc. was created to provide everyone with a seat at the table—a place for you and your family in times of need, where you could enjoy a home-cooked meal on a pay-what-you-can basis. It was designed to be a reciprocal space, where volunteering could earn you food, fostering a sense of community. It was meant to be a place where dignity is afforded to all, bridging the gap when food or gas prices soared, allowing families to feed themselves.

Our volunteers have been incredible throughout the years. Despite the ongoing struggle for assistance, our core team has rallied to fill the gaps, even to the point of exhaustion. While finding help has always been a challenge, it has become even more difficult since Covid. We've loved cooking and serving the community, but our society has shifted. These changes have led to a drop in donations, making it harder to cover our costs. So, our original vision just isn't working anymore.

In light of these considerations, we have decided not to operate this winter. We will be selling our building to a new restaurant in need of a location. This new establishment will function as a for-profit entity, distinct from Kitchen Table Inc., and will have the autonomy to establish its own pricing structure. They are purchasing our building with a contingency to allow us to host a community dinner when we choose. The proceeds for the sale of the non profit items will be donated to a local charity.

Should we decide to organize such an event, we will provide advance notice along with the requirements for receiving food.

We find peace in this decision, as it alleviates a significant amount of stress and work from our lives. We do apologize to those of you who genuinely rely on us, but I trust that there will always be a way to assist you. In the future it is our hope to still be able to seek out effective methods to assist those in need.