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Top Long Beach Black Chefs to Prepare and Serve Lunch at Long Beach Rescue Mission

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Prior to the first Long Beach Black Restaurant Week, three top chefs will demonstrate their culinary talent at a unique event held at the Long Beach Rescue Mission.

Long Beach – Long Beach Rescue Mission, 1335 Pacific Avenue will host a unique culinary event on January 18th, giving residents and people in need the opportunity to experience an inauguration. [Long Beach Black Restaurant Week](#)

You can directly taste a special lunch prepared by the top three black chefs on Long Beach.

Chef Ronnie Woods [Northtown Bistro Pop-up](#), Chef Vida Virgillito of [Loco food truck is gone](#), And chef Quianna Bradley [Salt catering pinch](#) Over 250 homeless men, women and children will be treated in a multi-course lunch on a mission to provide the taste of the first event for everyone in the Long Beach community.

“Despite its size, Long Beach is a close community where diversity and public pride are our strengths,” said Chef Ronnie Woods, owner of the Northtown Bistro. “My fellow chefs and I are excited to start Long Beach Black Restaurant Week by treating the most vulnerable people in our city with an unforgettable diet.”

“The participating chefs found this a great way to give back to the community what we’re doing our best,” added chef Vida Virgillito, owner of the new Gone Loco food truck. “Cook with love!”

Long Beach Food & Beverage, the organizer of the first event, announced plans for this charity meal today prior to the kick-off of Long Beach Black Restaurant Week from January 23rd to 30th.

The eight-day event is dedicated to celebrating African, African-American, and Caribbean cuisine in and around Long Beach. It also aims to highlight black-owned culinary businesses and black chefs and bartenders. It features more than 12 participating restaurants, pop-ups, food trucks and cottage food businesses.

Terry Henry, Executive Director of Long Beach Food & Beverage, said:

“Providing gourmet meals to neighbors suffering from the homeless is our way to bring them Black Restaurant Week and get everyone involved in the event.”

The Long Beach Rescue Mission provides daily meals to people in need in the Long Beach community. Through food and money donations and partnerships with local organizations and businesses, the mission can provide approximately

250,000 meals annually. For more information on Long Beach Rescue Missions, please visit: <https://lbrm.org/>..

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