

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Nonprofit Restaurants Work to Build Community Through Third Annual National Everybody Eats Week (August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**

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**Fort Worth, Texas (June 15, 2021)** - “Food is maybe the only universal thing that really has the power to bring everyone together. No matter what culture, everywhere around the world, people get together to eat.” Guy Fieri

One World Everybody Eats, and its network of independent nonprofit cafes, will participate in the third annual National Everybody Eats Week from August 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. National Everybody Eats Week is a nationally coordinated campaign to help individuals understand the power they have to build community, ensure a table for everybody, and end hunger.

“We want to encourage our nation to come together,” says Julie Williams, President of One World Everybody Eats. “Community Cafes have been building equitable communities for nearly 15 years. During the COVID-19 pandemic, our member cafes continued to meet the needs of the communities they serve.”

One World Everybody Eats is a community of Community Cafés® working to increase food security for all by providing a local approach to the global issue of hunger. The organization provides education, networking, and best practice sharing for nonprofit cafés; in order to, empower everyone to embrace the power of food to build community and serve their neighbors with dignity.

“If you’re looking to create a stronger connection between you and your community... this is definitely the place to go!” –David, guest at Tricklebee Café (Milwaukee, WI)

“Brilliant way to strengthen the bonds of community with food.” –Joyce, guest at Open Door Café (Wytheville, VA)

“This is a community helping.” –Nicole, Guest at One Acre Café (Johnson City, TN)

“...Truly a center for the community, a pillar of right. The hearts of the staff are huge, the mindset of the [founder] is centered and full of thought for their fellow man. Thank you for being who you are. This world needs many more like you all!...” --Steve, guest at A Place at the Table (Raleigh, NC)

“...As soon as I walked in for the first time I could feel the love of the community. We need more places like this...” --Nette, guest at The Table (Louisville, KY)

One World Everybody Eats challenges everybody to E.A.T. during National Everybody Eats Week, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>:

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## **Ensure Someone Eats**

Dine at a community café or donate online to support the work they do. Find a café and give now at <https://www.oneworldeverybodyeats.org/national-everybody-eats-week-participating-cafes>

# A

## **Advance the Cause**

Get involved with your local café. You can find a café at <https://www.oneworldeverybodyeats.org/find-a-cafe>

# T

## **Take the Pledge**

Join the movement to ensure everybody eats and commit to building strong communities across the nation starting with your own community. Take the pledge online at <https://www.oneworldeverybodyeats.org/takethepledge>

The organization boasts nearly 50 cafés in its network. You can find your local café at [www.oneworldeverybodyeats.org](http://www.oneworldeverybodyeats.org). If you cannot find a local café near you, consider serving your community by launching a nonprofit restaurant. One World Everybody Eats offers education and resources to help you get started. Find out more online at [www.oneworldeverybodyeats.org](http://www.oneworldeverybodyeats.org).

## **About One World Everybody Eats**

In 2003, One World Everybody Eats began as a simple offering in a small café in Salt Lake City, UT. Owner Denise Cerreta noticed her patrons were struggling to make ends meet, and in what she describes as her ‘field of dreams’ experience, she decided to begin letting them pay what they could for their meals. She realized that one in six Americans—50 million people—are food insecure, meaning families and individuals are accessing emergency food pantries, even scavenging or stealing, to meet their nutrition needs. To address this issue, OWEE supports a model of pay-what-you-can Community Cafés that helps communities alleviate hunger at the local level. Since its inception, cafés around the world have implemented the OWEE business model, including Panera Bread and the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation for which Cerreta provided café opening guidance. Dozens of cafés are currently in development. Collectively, OWEE cafés have served almost 2 million meals, 30 percent of which are served to people of less means. Under OWEE’s business platform, each café is committed to serving appealing, nutritious, locally sourced meals with dignity to everyone, while ultimately changing communities and their perspective on hunger. For more information on OWEE visit [www.oneworldeverybodyeats.org](http://www.oneworldeverybodyeats.org).

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