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### **THE COOK'S NOOK BRINGS ON CHEF, ACTIVIST ADRIAN LIPSCOMBE AS DIRECTOR OF CULINARY OPERATIONS**

*Lipscombe to oversee Mosaic Meals initiative, providing affordable, nutritious and convenient meals to underserved residents of Central Texas*

**Austin, TX** - [The Cook's Nook](#), a hub supporting Austin's culinary community which launched in 2017, is excited to announce that they have hired Chef [Adrian Lipscombe](#) as Director of Culinary Operations. Lipscombe is a renowned chef, activist and founder of the [40 Acres Project](#), which preserves the legacy of black farmers and foodways and has garnered attention from both the USDA and the White House.

In her role at The Cook's Nook, Lipscombe leads all aspects of meal production, food safety, food quality, and culinary staff development for the new initiative, [Mosaic Meals](#) – nutritious, delicious, fully cooked and delivered meals that are affordable, convenient, and dependable. Mosaic Meals were created to provide healthier, high-quality options for people lacking access to good nutritious food at an affordable price-point, such as those experiencing food insecurity or seeking better nutrition as a disease and lifestyle management solution.

Lipscombe has led food production in restaurant and food service settings for nearly a decade, including her own Uptowne Cafe in La Crosse, WI. Her experience sourcing nutritious products, helping develop food businesses, building quality food operations, and storytelling through food makes Adrian uniquely qualified for this position at The Cook's Nook.

"I'm thrilled that Adrian has joined The Cook's Nook as a key part of our leadership team. As our Director of Culinary Operations, she can continue to champion high-quality food access for everyone - no matter who you are," said The Cook's Nook's founder, Joi Chevalier. "Her career and mission aligns with ours at The Cook's Nook, and I'm looking forward to our next phase with Adrian leading development of the Mosaic Meals that will add to our customers' choices for food nutrition and food access."

Chevalier established The Cook's Nook to support members of the Austin culinary community interested in promoting food access, equity and resilience. With this mission, The Cook's Nook have become valued members of the local community – assisting underrepresented culinary entrepreneurs, acting as thought leaders, and even marshaling resources in Central Texas to feed families disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. Out of this, Mosaic Meals emerged as an opportunity to grow and scale food production to improve access to quality, affordable nutrition for underserved and undernourished residents in Central Texas.

The Cook's Nook currently partners with public sector agencies (e.g. county governments) and private companies (e.g. healthcare providers) to provide Mosaic Meals to address food insecurity and chronic disease among their stakeholders. Through Travis County and the

City of Austin alone, The Cook's Nook has provided Mosaic Meals to over 80 organizations who serve people in Central Texas lacking access to convenient, affordable nutrition.

"The Cook's Nook represents some of the service pillars that drove me into the hospitality field. Not only do they provide healthy food options, they made a commitment to be leaders in our community through being innovative, sustainable and stewards within our local food system," said Lipscombe. "I am looking forward to providing my perspective and experience to this growing company."

Lipscombe will be featured as part of a collaborative dinner with Chef Tavel Bristol-Joseph at Canje on June 12th for a Juneteenth event benefiting Black Mamas ATX. The series previously hosted Chef Kwame Onwuachi. Reserve a spot [here](#).

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**About The Cook's Nook:** The Cook's Nook was founded by Joi Chevalier in 2017 as a hub for members of the Austin culinary community involved in food access, equity and resilience. Since then, The Cook's Nook has supported the community in a number of ways, including assisting underrepresented culinary entrepreneurs, acting as thought leaders, and marshaling resources in Central Texas to feed families disproportionately impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2022, The Cook's Nook launched Mosaic Meals – nutritious, delicious, fully cooked and delivered meals that are affordable, convenient, and dependable – to assist underserved residents in Central Texas. For more information, visit <https://cooksnook.net/> or follow @cooksnookaustin on social media.