

## Open Kitchen Bistro + Wine Bar Celebrates Anniversary with Slow Food Fundraiser

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FALLS CHURCH, VA, September 22, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Say Happy Birthday to Northern Virginia's favorite Bistro and Wine Bar, Open Kitchen. Known for its contemporary American cuisine and their passion for making, eating, and sharing good food with their community, Open Kitchen celebrates their four-year anniversary by giving back to its community that has made it so popular and partnering with local non-profit Slow Food, DC chapter to bring The Ark of Taste Gardens to area public schools.

On October 7, 2013, Open Kitchen Bistro + Wine bar will generously donate 50% of the night's sales to support Slow Food DC's The Ark of Taste Garden program. The Ark of Taste promotes the forgotten flavors of rare and regional foods that make up our country's diverse cultural and culinary heritage. The DC Chapter will use the money donated to plant gardens at local public schools to raise awareness in the Northern Virginia community.

"We are grateful for the generosity of Open Kitchen's owner and patrons," said Slow Food DC Co-chair, Kathryn Warner. "The community's support is essential to our mission to celebrate local, seasonal, and sustainable food sources and preserve the culinary traditions of our region."

"I've always embraced Slow Food's goal to counteract fast food and fast life," said Open Kitchen Bistro + Wine Bar owner, Hue-Chan Karles. "Their mission is an inspiration to our concept and style of cooking at Open Kitchen."

Guests may dine Monday, October 7th from 5 pm to 10 pm in the bistro or attend Open Kitchen's wine tasting with local Virginia winery Paradise Springs who will also give away a prizes in honor of the anniversary celebration and fundraiser. Reservations may be made online at <http://www.openkitchen-dcmetro.com>. Additional information for the wine club tasting may be found online under the Upcoming Events section.

For additional restaurant information visit <http://www.openkitchen-dcmetro.com> or contact Traci Allen at 202.216.0660 or [tallen \[at\] traciallen.com](mailto:tallen@traciallen.com).

**ABOUT OPEN KITCHEN** Open Kitchen is a contemporary American Bistro and Wine Bar passionate about making, eating, and sharing good food with our community. The chefs source fresh ingredients to create familiar yet innovative seasonal dishes that are paired with a dynamic wine list. Open Kitchen Bistro + Wine Bar is an elegantly casual restaurant located in Falls Church, Virginia, a Washington, DC suburb. They welcome the everyday diner as well as

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special occasion gatherings. Open Kitchen is a Slow Food Snail of Approval award recipient for their contributions to the transformation of the food system to one that is good, clean, and fair and presented with quality, authenticity, and sustainability. <http://www.openkitchen-dcmetro.com>

**ABOUT SLOW FOOD** Slow Food is a non-profit, eco-gastronomic member-supported organization that was founded in 1989 to counteract fast food and fast life, the disappearance of local food traditions and people's dwindling interest in the food they eat, where it comes from, how it tastes and how our food choices affect the rest of the world. Slow Food is a global movement dedicated to stewardship of the land and ecologically sound food production; to the revival of the kitchen and the table as centers of pleasure, culture, and community, to the invigoration and proliferation of regional, seasonal culinary traditions. Slow Food has over 100,000 members in 132 countries. <http://www.slowfooddc.org>