


#TheFrontPorchProjectHammond

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The Front Porch Project - Hammond began as a collaboration between Kali Norton & the Hammond Downtown Development District, in an effort to feature Downtown Hammond's incredible small business owners and their families. The goal: to "highlight the humans behind each and every unique small business in our district; showing folks that

when they support local businesses, they also support local families and community members."

We teamed up with the talented Kali Norton, one of Downtown Hammond's only studio photographers. Her expertise behind the camera produced the amazing photos included here.

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5 Stones Media

The Walker Family is always on the go, and that's one of the things they love about living and working in Downtown Hammond. As the owners of 5 Stones, they enjoy helping businesses connect with existing and new customers. Brian, Kim & Payton, along with their two loving fur babies, enjoy so much about downtown... the variety of restaurants, the park, bike-riding and the Hammond Farmers Market. When they're not in Hammond, they can be found camping at the beach, mountains or adventuring somewhere really cool!



Benny's Place

Meet the staff behind Benny's Place! Tina, Shawn, Troy, Dustin, Eric, Hunter, and April are eager to reopen to their beloved Hammond community. It's a staple in Downtown, known as the "coldest and the oldest". Tina and her staff appreciate every single loyal customer and can't wait to host a re-opening party.



Berkshire Hathway

Kyle and Heather Tallo, of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Southern Properties, have been staying busy working from home. You can find them homeschooling, playing outside, fishing in the pond, and doing household projects with their three children. The most rewarding activity they've done during quarantine was play "Front Porch Fairies" for their agents. Kyle and Heather, along with their wonderful managers, dropped off surprises to each of their agents.



Cate Street Seafood Station

Meet the Cate Street Seafood Station family! CSSS is a culinary melting pot where locals gather to enjoy sushi, seafood, and steak. Housed in a charming freight station at the gateway of #DowntownHammond, the Cate Street team strives daily to leave everyone in a better place than they arrived. Cate Street Seafood Station is going on 16 years and proud to serve great food, provide a fun atmosphere, and help grow the Hammond community with local involvement.



Cena;Hammond

The Cena; Hammond staff has been working tirelessly to provide the Hammond community with the best dining experience possible -- even if they can't open their doors to the public at this time. Chanc, owner and operator, encourages their customers to check their online menus daily, and be on the lookout for specials and family-style meals.



The Guerin Family

John Daniel, of Guerin Insurance Agency, is keeping busy at the office -- servicing customers and helping clients navigate new waters. John Daniel also serves as Chairman on the DDD's Board of Directors. While he's hard at work, his wife Christy & their kiddos spend their days homeschooling, riding bikes, and playing with the new baby! The Guerins are enjoying the beautiful weather and the local curbside pick-up options Hammond has to offer.



Gnarly Barley

Meet the Caramonta family! They can be found dancing to live music with their two daughters Stevie and Maxine in the taproom at GB Brewing. When they are not groovin', they have a cold craft beer in one hand and their pups Chicken and Waffles in the other. They are staying busy selling some of the state's most popular, and shipping it all over the country. During this time of crisis, they find joy in bringing home some of their brews to enjoy with Zac's BBQ and having dance parties in the kitchen.



Courtyard Cafe & one thirteen

Meet the Wong Family! You can find them crafting delicious coffee at Courtyard Cafe, or serving up fun times & delicious food at one thirteen restaurant. The Wongs are enjoying fostering puppies and puzzling at home these days. They sincerely thank you for your support during these uncertain times.



Hogan Attorneys

The Hogan family has lived and practiced in #DowntownHammond for over 40 years. Their daughter Jane joined the firm in 2016. The Hogans' practice specializes in wills, estate planning, divorces, post-conviction relief, and employment law consultations. The Hogans are committed to their clients and the community of Hammond.



The Hollywood Family

Meet the Hollywoods! Elsbet is co-chair of the DDD Board of Directors and practices at Chehardy Sherman Williams Law Office. Her husband Tim works for the North Oaks Health System. They enjoy weekly walks to the Hammond Farmers Market and living so close to everything Downtown has to offer.



Mariner's Inn

Mariner's Inn began as a spin off of the New Orleans restaurant "Port of Call", and eventually landed with Bruce Labrecque. He's now been the "captain" at Mariner's for over 40 years! The crew prides themselves on being family-owned and operated, considering every employee and customer as one of their own. Mariner's Inn would like to thank you for continuing to support them during this difficult time. They can't wait to see your smiling faces on their patio, eating wings and listening to live music - as soon as this is all over!



Our Mom's

Meet Trent & JP from Our Mom's Restaurant & Bar! Our Mom's has been serving delicious burgers and comfort food in #DowntownHammond since 2010. With two locations in Hammond and Baton Rouge, Our Mom's has been steadfast in offering their regular menu along with special packages for the community during these uncertain times. Trent and JP are grateful for the opportunity to serve the Hammond and Baton Rouge communities, while striving to give each guest the best experience possible.



Realty Executives

Realty Executives Florida Parishes, located in downtown Hammond, has remained committed to their customers. In addition to traditional meetings and showings, Sam and Marcy can meet virtually through Facetime, Zoom, and Skype, arrange for listing agreements and purchase agreements to be executed electronically, and assist regarding online virtual tours and drone footage. The DiVittorios are looking forward to helping you with all of your future real estate needs.



The Red White & Brew and Boutique De Fumee

Meet Todd & Regina Delaune! Since they haven't been able to open the RWB as a bar (it's only a package store through the shutdown), they spend much more time at their downtown residence...cooking and drinking some of the Brew's awesome boutique wines. They have remained committed to eating one meal "to-go" daily, to ensure they support their fellow downtown businesses. They also enjoy sitting on their front porch (Fumee), sipping a glass of scotch, while Todd smokes a fine cigar or one of his Italian pipes.



Ruby

Meet Cassie Ragan! Ruby has been a Downtown Hammond staple since 2003, offering a variety of high-quality women's fashion on the corner of Cate Street and Thomas Street. Cassie's "personal shopper" approach to service provides her customers with a one-of-a-kind boutique experience. Cassie is also very passionate about serving the Hammond community, holding board seats for the Greater Hammond Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Pete Panepinto. She is currently Head of the DDD's Design Committee



Seale & Ross

Challenging times require creative solutions. For over forty years, Seale & Ross has remained steadfast in supporting our community members through thick and thin. In recent days, they have been helping business owners understand the evolving employee laws and navigate through the grant/loan programs available. And for those who have been putting off getting their personal affairs in order, Seale & Ross have been helping folks finalize their end of life wishes and business plans.



Southern Elm

The Lairds have been lifelong residents of Tangipahoa Parish. They love the outdoors and family time! In the heart of downtown, Southern Elm Formal is Hammond's premier formal wear store. Customers can browse the incredible line of wedding and event dresses from top designers. They also offer brand-name tuxedo and suit collections for rental or purchase. Everything you need to "dress up" your look can be found here.



Susan's General Store

Susan's has been a staple of the Hammond community for 40 years. She has remained committed to staying open in order to provide customers with essential needs. The store is fully stocked with essential oils, soaps, face covers, sage, and any other supplies you may need for all-natural, chemical-free, and spiritual cleansing. She appreciates every single loyal customer that continues to patronize her store. She's looking forward to catching up with all of you... over a freshly-brewed cup of gourmet coffee!



Tacos & Beer

The Valencias have been in Downtown Hammond for almost 8 years... and they say they're never leaving! Jennifer and Jose' split shifts everyday, making sure at least one of them is always at the restaurant -- whether it's greeting customers (from six feet), jumping in inside the kitchen, or helping behind the bar. When they're not at work, their two kiddos keep them busy with Jujitsu, Cheer, Softball, and running loose at the park!



Tope La'

Tope Là has been serving authentic Louisiana cuisine for over 20 years. They're determined to remain open during these uncertain times and safely serve their guests with a smile. Although orders are being picked up curbside, loyal patrons can choose items from Tope Là's full menu -- everything from appetizers & entrees to the savory Italian menu specials on Thursdays! Tope Là prides itself on being locally-owned and can't thank the community enough for the love and support it's shown.



Tru Juice

Jane's passion is helping folks live longer & feel great by eating right. She is currently working on a Master Herbalist Diploma online from a school in England, increasing her knowledge in order to better serve her wonderful customers. She keeps it real -- using only the best local produce for her farm-to-table recipes. Tru Juice has a "tru" family atmosphere with a mother/daughter team in the kitchen! They are so grateful to our loyal customers, and absolutely love the city (and people!) of Hammond, Louisiana.



Vogue Salon

Vogue Salon opened its doors in Hammond 15 years ago, and offers two floors full of top-notch beauty services. Upstairs, one of their five barbers provide a full service barbering experience; while five hair stylists offer a full menu of services on the first floor. Keisha and her team are strictly following the state guidelines to ensure customers have a safe and enjoyable experience at the salon.



W Salon

Christina is a national educator for John Paul Mitchell Systems; and for 15 years, she has taken joy in creating a tailored-to-you, one-on-one salon experience. W Salon is nestled in the heart of downtown and offers a full menu of professional hair care services, skincare, and makeup. When this home-grown, local gal isn't behind her chair in the salon, she spends her time volunteering in animal rescue. Stop in to W Salon and meet Christina today! You can even bring your fur-babies with you!

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