

Update from The Purple Lunchbox and God's Closet for the Bluegrass Local Food System Summit



About Us

Since 1992, **God's Closet** provides a variety of services to women who have the initiative to gain employment. And since 2009 and the start of **The Purple Lunchbox**, we have been providing employment opportunities and skills training. All clients are low-income and have experienced incarceration, substance abuse recovery and treatment, domestic violence or many other situations leading to unemployment, lower self-esteem and feelings of helplessness.

The Purple Lunchbox

The Purple Lunchbox provides high quality yet cost effective meals for business clientele. Meals catered by The Purple Lunchbox include breakfast buffets, brunches, box lunches and plated events. Working in a highly competitive industry, The Purple Lunchbox relies on the fresh, homemade appeal of the food as well as the mission of God's Closet to acquire business.

Our Efforts in Local Foods

The Purple Lunchbox has strived to introduce as much local food product as possible and participate in promoting local foods. Below is a summary of the efforts made thus far and those to be made in the near future:

- Executive Director is a participating share holder of the Good Foods Co-Op
- Participated in panel discussions in the 2010 Bluegrass Local Food Summit
- Catered the Midway College SIFE Sustainability Education Fair on January 27, 2011
- Obtained a plot with Peace Meal Gardens to grow organic produce for use in The Purple Lunchbox catering
- Launching a new menu in 2011, highlighting meals with using locally grown produce
- Board members are participating in the CSA program with Elmwood Farm
- Catering the 2011 Bluegrass Local Food System Summit on April 21, 2011
- Partnering with local food groups in 2011 to increase local food dependence

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