

The Rib Hut Celebrates 33 Years



By Marius Davis

"The Sweetness of High Quality Outlasts the Bitterness of Cost", is the motto at The Rib Hut, a local westside eatery. That motto

has been the guiding light for owner Nelease Orr-Feggins.

This year marks thirty-three years of business for Feggins who started the

restaurant out of a desire to be self-employed. "I was working at William Harris Nursing Home in dietary services, and was only making \$1.25 an hour. I wanted to work for my self", says Feggins. She saved up \$200 and with that was able to start her business. Within five years, Feggins paid off her restaurant. In its early days, the restaurant doubled as place for night entertainment that included jazz bands, etc.

Over the years, she expanded her operations to include a more family friendly environment, adding pool tables, games and music. She has also included a reception area.

The Rib Hut sits at 1629 West Bay Street, and has clients from all over the city, and the surrounding areas. Feggins delights in sharing that she has served customers who have come from as far as Japan and Africa.

Feggins has also welcomed celebrities to her establishment. Musicians Hall and Oates, Shanana, trumpeter Doc Severinsen,

and comedian Wildman Steve are among the famous faces that adorn the wall.

Feggins, affectionately known as "Mother" to her many customers, continues to be an integral part of the day to day operations.

With the help of her son, Abraham "Day-Day" Feggins, and Wanda Gumbs, a new addition to the staff, The Rib Hut continues to provide service with a smile.

The Rib Hut has been featured in Fine Dining Magazine for its delicious food and great service.

Feggins takes time with her customers, and ensures that they understand her menu options, and that they are satisfied. "Is everything alright? Are you enjoying your food", she belts out from behind the counter.

Feggins quickly admits that the success of her business is not just to her credit. "I owe my success to my loyal customers, and the good help from employees over the years".

She says she couldn't have made it thirty-three-years without the help of

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Youth Advisory Council Clean Closets for Good Cause



Members of Youth Futures' Young Voices Council, with Advisor, ZaDonna Slay

Members of the Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority (YFA) Young Voices Youth Advisory Council are clean-

ing their closets -- and it's not because their mom asked them to do it.

NYC-based teen retailer Aeropostale and teen not-

for-profit DoSomething.org announced their second annual Teens for Jeans campaign in January.

The campaign aims to

raise awareness on the growing number of homeless teens in the United States and Canada by empowering teens nationwide to collect jeans for homeless youth.

The local high school students collected about thirty pairs of jeans from January 26th through February 22nd.

This service project encouraged the teens to take action in their communities. Right now one in three homeless people in the United States are under the age of 18. "We want to be able to give back to the com-

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Community, Reduce transportation associated emissions in the community, improvement of community property and increase greenspace, improvement of water quality and access to water resources for the local community, and engage residents in identified air quality issues and monitoring.

"After many years of struggle and challenge these two neighborhoods are seeing progress toward addressing many environmental and health concerns in collaboration with their industries who co-exist with them," said Dr. Mildred McClain, executive director of Harambee House.

"This process sets the stage for great things to come -- a permanent mechanism that will lead to healthy, safe and clean neighborhoods as well as the advancement toward environmental justice."

"The CARE Level 2 project will provide us with an opportunity to work with our industrial neighbors and partners to educate each other about environmental conditions in our neighborhoods," said Tyrone Ware, President of the Woodville

Neighborhood Association. "We will work to reduce potential hazards and enhance the quality of life for our residents and industrial neighbors."

Established in 2005, the EPA CARE program is a competitive grant program that offers an innovative way for communities to take action to reduce toxic pollution from numerous sources. Through CARE, communities create local collaborative partnerships that implement local solutions to reduce releases of and minimize exposure to toxic pollutants.

There are two types of CARE cooperative agreements. The smaller Level I cooperative agreements are approximately \$90,000 each and help communities organize and create collaborative partnerships dedicated to reducing toxics in their local environments.

Level II awards are larger, approximately \$275,000 -- and are designed to support communities that have already established broad-based partnerships and have identified the priority toxic risks in the community.

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