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Pastor Dwight Minnieweather welcomes patrons to 'A Heavenly Taste,' a new soul food restaurant located at the Miracles Club, a non-profit and alcohol-free social club serving a diverse community at 4200 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The café is open seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., except on Sundays when they're open 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Soul Food Café Builds on Community

'A Heavenly Taste,' opens at Miracles Club

A new soul food café is bringing more than just good food to northeast Portland it's providing a safe facility for families and building relationships. Pastor Dwight Minnieweather, a local leader who has led a variety of social justice and community service projects, recently launched the café separately from his Straightway Services program. The Straightway program provides midnight basketball and summer jobs to young adults and high school students in partnership with the Portland Water Bureau.

The café also provides community services opportunities, and also allows high school students and young adults the work experience they'll need in the future to become successful and responsible adults.

Providing services has been a lifelong dream for Minnieweather who works tirelessly on several different projects including overseeing the preparation of hot meals every Thanksgiving and partnering with Les Schwab every year to distribute many toys and small gifts for kids of all ages, mostly from low income families of all races for Christmas. Every Wednesday Liberation Christian Church distributes weekly foods boxes in the Miracles parking lot from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Straightway Services has exceeded its expectations in our community and has been able to implement additional outreach to include services for the homeless, the prison population and addicted adults who need transitional housing. Minnieweather also attends gang violence enforcement meetings to make sure that young adults will be treated fairly and has an opportunity to get second chances.

We honor Pastor Minnieweather continue services in our community and we're proud to support his efforts in our Minority Business Special Edition.

Happy Birthday!

Jayden and Alayah

Love, from your family

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From your Dad and Family