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MARIAN CHEEK JACKSON CENTER teams with VIMALA’S CURRYBLOSSOM to make it a real Good Friday

Residents of Northside in Chapel Hill received hot meals on Good Friday thanks to collaboration between Vimala’s Curry Blossom Café and the Marian Cheek Jackson Center. Red bliss potato gratin, soufflé sweet potatoes, broccoli casserole, Easter ham, and just-baked buttermilk biscuits were menu highlights.

“The really amazing thing about this partnership is that it is aimed to support elders across the community and to support one of the most incredible local restaurants we have in Vimala’s,” says **Hudson Vaughan**, director of The Jackson Center, which purchases a certain number of meals each week (120 on Good Friday), made possible by generous donations to both Vimala’s and The Jackson Center. The partners set up all the deliveries to elders, and volunteers deliver the meals.

“Our team meets and caravans over to Vimala’s (individual vehicles to respect social distancing) at 4:30 p.m. and once curbside, we load coolers that have been packed with hot meals, based on a new menu created each week from Vimala,” said Vaughan. The volunteer drivers then bring these meals to homes on their different routes through Northside, Pine Knolls and Tin Top.

Vimala Rajendran is the chef and founder of Vimala’s Curryblossom Café in downtown Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Her restaurant has been bringing home cooked Indian flavors from her home state of Kerala, her beloved Mumbai and other parts of India since 2010.

The Marian Cheek Jackson Center purpose is to build community in Chapel Hill’s historic Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods.

Vaughan said the hot meals spark many comments. “Whoever is cooking knows what they are doing,” say happy residents. “This is just such a blessing—just when I was running out,” commented one neighbor. ♥