

Dear Friends,

May 15, 2025

The past 16 years it has been my pleasure to have been the founder of two nonprofit organizations. It has been a challenging, and enriching experience. I am truly proud of what has been accomplished together.

After years of joy, service, and heartfelt connections, the time has come for me to announce my retirement from Meals of Joy.

Meals of Joy has been one of the greatest honors of my life. It is a privilege to call each of you a friend. Meals of Joy has grown into something truly meaningful. I am proud to have been a part of the process of developing a recognized brand it is today. Thanks to the unwavering support of our community, volunteers, staff, and supporters like you. As I step back, I do so with complete confidence and excitement for the future of Meals of Joy.

Over the past year, I have had the privilege of working closely with Kevin Barko, Executive Chef of Heritage Street Cooks. Kevin shares the same heart and passion for this mission, and I could not have asked for a better person to carry this mission forward. It is with great pride that I announce his promotion to Executive Director of Meals of Joy.

Kevin has brought leadership, dedication, and innovation to our kitchen and operations. Under his guidance, Meals of Joy will continue to thrive, expand, and serve our community with the same love and quality that has always been at our core.

Thank you for believing in this mission and for allowing me to be a part of something special. I will always remain a champion of Meals of Joy and look forward to seeing all the good still to come. In the future I will continue to outreach to First Responders, nonprofit organizations and individuals of all ages that need support.

With gratitude,

Larry Cervarich, Founder  
Meals of Joy