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THE VEGGIE CAFÉ OF EAST NASHVILLE OFFERS HEALTHY CASUAL DINING
GRAND OPENING: FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008 – 10:30 AM - 7 PM CST

NASHVILLE, March 10, 2008.....The owners of the Veggie Café realized their dreams on last Friday when they received a checkered flag allowing them to transform from the healthy mobile kitchen vendor of East Nashville to the “casually eclectic” vegetarian and vegan restaurant nestled at the corner of Riverside Drive and Porter Road in Historic East Nashville. “It was like a dream come true! We finally have a place where our customers can grab a quick bite to eat or decide to sit and dine with us.” states Dawn Fears, co-owner of the restaurant. Dawn Fears and Marilyn Crutcher are the mother/daughter team that created the concept about a year and a half ago as part of their catering and event planning company. The duo has secured a dedicated staff of employees that stand behind the vision of the restaurant. The team will officially open their doors this Friday, March 14th from 10:30am-7pm at 1601 Riverside Drive Nashville TN 37216. This former dry cleaner turned restaurant was made possible by architect T. Curtis of Nashville and general contractor Dawkins Contracting, LLC of Goodlettsville. The team worked tirelessly on creating the vision defined by the owners and revitalizing the 1800 sq. ft space once occupied by racks of freshly starched shirts and slacks.

As you enter the 45 seat cafe, you will immediately notice the clever color scheme and artwork on display by local artist Jodi Reeves, The Creative JAR and photography by Larry Starnes of Starnes Photography. From here you see the gold, burnt orange and chocolate walls sprinkled with café cream trim in the main dining room, punctuated by 6 foot windows with soft linen curtains pinched with perfection. The wood chairs were rescued and restored then coupled with the buckwheat stained concrete floors which add depth and character to the restaurant. The ceiling will be modified with asymmetrical, canvases constructed to help control sound which is typical in most restaurants today.

The menu will feature cuisine from around the world but the restaurant is pleased to announce it will keep the Southern Favorites like the meatless meatloaf and the assortment of cooked and raw vegetables on the menu daily for those who love comfort food with a twist. “We love to create dishes in the kitchen that are traditional to the South and reinvent them.” Marilyn states. “Our kitchen is ready to show Nashville something familiar yet offer something different too.” The Veggie Café relies on local and organic ingredients and suppliers in the restaurant so don’t be surprised if you find one of the Veggie staff members shopping beside you at the Farmers Market.

The Veggie Cafe Hours of Operation: 10:30AM -7:00 PM Tuesday-Saturday. Most major credit cards are accepted. For catering or business reservations please call 615.495.8888. For more information go to www.theveggiecafe.com.