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**WHISTLESTOP WELCOMES STACY SCOTT AND CHUCK CIACCIO;
DUO TO OPERATE JACKSON CAFÉ IN SAN RAFAEL**

Stacy Scott Named New Culinary Director and Chuck Ciaccio New Café Manager

Scott and Ciaccio to Introduce Creative, Nutritious and Affordable Meals to Jackson Café

San Rafael, Calif. (January 2, 2020) – [Whistlestop](http://www.whistlestop.org), a San Rafael-based nonprofit that promotes the independence, well-being and quality of life for older adults and people living with disabilities, today announced the appointment of Stacy Scott to new culinary director and Chuck Ciaccio to new manager of the Jackson Café, effective January 6, 2020. Scott will lead culinary operations and Ciaccio will be responsible for managing, improving and expanding the utilization of the Jackson Café. Scott and Ciaccio will continue to operate their 30 year-long catering business while at Whistlestop.

Scott, who plans to introduce several new menu items to the Jackson Café, stated: "We're thrilled to join Whistlestop, an organization we have supported for a long time, and one that shares our values and commitment to the community. One of our goals is to introduce far reaching and exciting new dishes, made with local and fresh ingredients that will satisfy varied taste levels. We also look forward to meeting our guests and help make their dining experience truly enjoyable."

"At Whistlestop we've worked hard to create a comfortable, caring and home-away-from home feeling for the people who visit the Jackson Café," said Nancy Geisse, Whistlestop's chief operating officer. "Stacy and Chuck not only share that vision, but they have the culinary expertise and management experience to bring it to life."



Stacy Scott, new Culinary Director at Whistlestop's Jackson Café in San Rafael

Scott, a long time Marin resident, has run her successful and sought-after catering business, Stacy Scott Catering, for the past 30 years. Over the years, she has planned and catered thousands of events for local clients and internationally known public figures, including President Barack Obama, David Beckham and Paris Hilton. Scott is a 5-time winner of the Pacific Sun's Best of Marin award, and currently sits on the boards of the Marin Theater Company, Marin Symphony and Marin Community Clinics.

Ciaccio, a long time Bay Area resident, retired from a career in the financial industry and has worked alongside Scott for the past 25 years. At Stacy Scott Catering, he has managed the company's internal operations and will now oversee finances as well. Ciaccio and Scott have been married for 25 years, reside in Marin and have two daughters, Ari and Gianna.

Whistlestop's Jackson Café, across from the San Rafael Transit Center, is open to the public Monday to Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The café features affordable and delicious daily specials and other favorite lunch items. Lunch prices will remain the same (\$6 for Whistlestop members and \$10 for non-members) when Scott and Ciaccio introduce their new menu on January 6, 2020.

To learn more about the Jackson Café, please visit www.whistlestop.org/nutrition/jackson-cafe.

MEDIA PLEASE NOTE: To request an interview with Stacy Scott, Chuck Ciaccio or Nancy Geisse, please contact Gus Nodal at gus.nodal@gmail.com or (415) 609-3438.

ABOUT WHISTLESTOP:

Whistlestop is celebrating 65 years of service in 2019! Founded in 1954 as Marin Senior Coordinating Council, Whistlestop promotes the independence, well-being and quality of life for older adults and people living with disabilities in Marin County. Whistlestop's Active Aging Center provides delicious meals, nutrition services, education and exercise classes, multicultural gatherings and helpful information and referral services. Whistlestop also provides special needs transportation services through both the Golden Gate Regional Center and Marin Access, a partnership of Whistlestop, Marin Transit and Golden Gate Transit. Whistlestop provides medical and grocery transportation through its CarePool program and operates Marin's Meals on Wheels and Whistlestop Nourish programs, serving meals to over 315 homebound older adults and people with chronic illness each week in the Marin community. For more information about Whistlestop and its classes and services, please visit www.whistlestop.org.

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