



happy holidays from
our families to yours...



Thank you to photographer Ken Dundas

A Note From Tom

One of the fabulous benefits of being in business as long as we have is making lifelong friends. These friends have become a family of sorts. We celebrate each other's successes through all the traditional markers of life.

Usually, the process starts with small victories like being promoted from busser to waiter, or prep cook to the hot line, while learning to deal with all the bluster of a busy night in stride rather than being stuck in the weeds. From there, a young cook who has earned his chops becomes sous chef or chef, and the natural progression of a high performer as a host or server earns an assistant or general manager role.

As time goes on, there might be a love match between co-workers, a purchase of a first house, a decision to pursue medical school, or enough confidence and financing to open your own gig. We all know life happens; from illnesses to car accidents, unfortunate things have an effect on the everyday, but the serendipity of children and new pets bring on the cheers and smiles.

In a blink of an eye, the second generation of our team gets their first job within our walls, sometimes working alongside of their parents or in our joint across the street.

Recently, we hired a photographer to document our extended coworker families in a series of portraits. We are calling this the “Second Generation Project,” intending to celebrate and cherish the moms, dads, sons and daughters, cousins and grandparents who work alongside of each other in our small world.

I often hear from our customers that our team is awesome, which makes the experience of coming to our restaurants about much more than what is on the plate. After looking at these photos, I am reminded of why that is so true!

Happy Holidays!

Cheers,
Tom



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