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Founded in 1976, the Cathedral Kitchen is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Mission Statement

Cathedral Kitchen uses food to change lives.

We use food to nourish, train, and employ people in order to help them improve their lives. We are working to feed and energize a healthy community.

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Cathedral Kitchen Welcomes Charles Holmes to the Board of Directors



Born and raised in Camden, Charles Holmes has strong ties to the city. His father was Police Chief for the city of Camden in the 1980's, and his family, starting with his great-grandparents, attended Kaighn Avenue Baptist Church regularly. He was educated in the Camden school system, graduating from Camden High School with honors and a dream to become a Certified Public Accountant.

After graduating from high school, Charles attended Drexel University where he earned a degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting. From there, he passed the CPA exam and began his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers. He then joined a regional CPA firm, and after eight years founded his own accounting and consulting firm, Holmes & Company LLC, located in Cherry Hill.

Despite several relocations throughout his lifetime for school and work, Charles has remained heavily involved in the Camden community. He is an active volunteer and leader at the Food Pantry at Kaighn Avenue Baptist Church, the oldest African-American Baptist Church in the state of New Jersey, providing fresh fruit, produce, bread, and other baked goods to needy families. Charles has also served on the boards of several Camden non-profit organizations, including the Nehemiah Project Community Development Corporation, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, and most recently the Camden Education Foundation, where he served an eight year term.

When asked about how he became involved with CK, Charles admits that at first he knew very little, just hearing bits and pieces from others. "It wasn't until I went for a tour that I became aware of how evolved the operation is; training individuals to be self-sufficient, providing dental care so those patients can enjoy a meal... it's very heartfelt and it makes you feel good, actually seeing the impact." Charles explains that he recently experienced the impact for himself firsthand; two young ladies had visited Kaighn Church with their babies, speaking very little English, and in need of food. The Church was able to use the food CK provides in order to assist the two women, loading them up with essentials to take home. "It really hit home for me in that moment" Charles explains, "it was powerful seeing the impact that we can have."

Charles takes great pride in serving on the CK board and giving back to the Camden community. He says, "The Cathedral Kitchen board is a very involved, working board. It's a board where we use our professional backgrounds to give back, and impact lives in a positive way." He and his fellow CK board members are committed to furthering CK's mission to use food to change lives in Camden.

When discussing the city he grew up in, Charles says, "there is a lot of good in Camden" and we couldn't agree more!