



Final Report

Project: Furnishing of Spoons' Kitchen – EGBOK's Training Restaurant

Project Reporting Dates: From: 30 June 2016

To: 01 September 2016

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Summarize Project – The generous grant from Forix Foundation provided funding for the purchase of key kitchen equipment for Spoons, the EGBOK training café. This equipment has enabled Spoons to operate at a professional level and facilitated EGBOK to conduct culinary training in a real life setting. It has also allowed EGBOK students to strengthen their hospitality skills in food and beverage service with experiential learning while improving their confidence and English through interaction with guests.

Progress – All items stipulated under the grant award [chest freezer, 4-compartment refrigerator, 4-top gas stove, 2-door salad top counter chiller, table top deep fryer] have been purchased, installed, and are in operation in the Spoons kitchen as of late October. No issues have arisen with the equipment and none are foreseen in the future.

Staffing – Spoons is currently fully staffed with 1 Head Chef, 1 Sous Chef, 1 Restaurant Manager, 2 Cooks and 6 Server/Bartenders, in addition to 1 expat volunteer consultant supervising operations and providing expert guidance and management support. Additional kitchen and wait staff may be added once dinner service begins, tentatively set for mid-December. A volunteer Marketing and Sales consultant and full-time Marketing and Administrative Assistant also support Spoons operations.

Budget – Please see the attached spreadsheet with the original budget and actual item spending, as well as invoices and receipts for items purchased.

Other Funding – Fundraising for the café is ongoing, with additional funds still needed to cover the start-up and early operational costs. While the strategic objective of Spoons is to generate sufficient revenue to cover 30% of EGBOK's costs helping the organization achieve financial stability and sustainability, we hope to exceed this target in the long-term.

Milestones Current – Spoons soft opened on 3 November, and official launched with an Opening Party on 9 November followed by commencement of regular lunch service on 10 November. There has since been a steady flow of guests dining at the café daily, including several large party reservations, with overall positive feedback received in terms of food quality and presentation, service, and the dining environment. Five students from among the class of 45 students have been selected to be part of the



dedicated cooking program, and are training daily in the kitchen under instruction by the Spoons team. The equipment purchased with this grant award has been an integral facilitator of all of these milestones and the café project as a whole—enabling us to construct a professional, fully-equipped kitchen capable of turning out timely food service for guests while simultaneously hosting students for hands-on culinary training.

Milestones Future – Spoons will begin dinner service in mid-December, and eventually will transition to being an all-day café open for breakfast as well. Once café profits are able to reach and exceed expenses, Spoons will be a donor-independent and stable source of revenue for EGBOK, enabling the organization to shift resources away from donor fundraising and focus more on maintaining and strengthening the high quality education and services provided to students. Spoons will also allow for increased engagement with the community and visiting guests, helping to boost our visibility and make our work and impact more widely known.

Opinion – The equipment purchased with funding from the Forix Foundation has allowed us to realize our vision for a training café to its fullest potential. The students are able to train with the same professional-grade equipment they will be using in their future hospitality jobs, making the training café an effective and invaluable learning environment. The team is able to comfortably carry out their dual responsibilities of operating a fast-paced, full service kitchen while delivering hands-on instruction to students. Our guests are provided with an enjoyable and memorable experience of not only a satisfying meal but also a chance to engage with students and see training and education—and sustainable development—in action. We thank Forix Foundation for the generous sponsorship of kitchen equipment, and look forward to seeing everything that Spoons will allow us to accomplish.

This report should be received within 5 days of the end of reporting period.

Photo Gallery

Please enjoy a few pictures taken at our Opening Party event on 9th November 2016.

