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Determined Chef Keeps Cooking, Catering.

The Caribbean Cove's chef Judith O'Loughlin keeps catering while working on restaurant location.

Oakland, Calif., July 24, 2003 — Judith O'Loughlin – owner and operator of a long-time Caribbean cuisine destination in Oakland's Dimond district – keeps cooking. In January of this year, Chef Judith was forced to shut down her take-out and catering kitchen when the building she leased space from was forced to close due to seismic upgrades. Bouncing back from this setback, Judith formed The Caribbean Cove with a silent partner and continues to meet the demand from hungry customers asking her to cater special events in the San Francisco Bay area.

Customer loyalty and accolades keep Judith cooking. In May, Chef Judith whipped up several individual plates of jerk chicken and rice & peas to satisfy hungry contractors working on a local construction site. In late June, eighty guests at a wedding reception held at Oakland's Lakeside Park Garden Center enjoyed escovitch fish, stewed chicken, rice & peas and salad. Most recently, The Caribbean Cove delivered several piping hot dishes to a private Caribbean-themed wedding reception held at a south San Jose residence – the bride and groom had married in St. Thomas in May of this year. Judith also provided reggae CDs for the party soundtrack.

Carmelita Harris, Executive Producer for Irie Vision TV in San Francisco tells of driving a visiting reggae artist all over the East Bay area in an attempt to find escovitch fish comparable to The Caribbean Cove's. Carmelita says "It was just after Judith's location on MacArthur closed. He didn't want to eat anyone else's fish but Judith's. I kept driving around all night to find a place for him to eat but we didn't find anything he liked as much as Judith's cooking."

Chef Judith is currently focused on catering using a shared commercial kitchen in Oakland, and plans to have her new restaurant location opened by year-end. Catering operations will move to the new restaurant location as soon as a lease is secured, ensuring that she won't miss a beat. Judith acknowledges the tight commercial restaurant lease market in Oakland, but remains undeterred. Says Judith "It is a challenge to find exactly the right place that will support my new business plan, but I'm confident I'll be open again before the end of the year."

The Caribbean Cove is a woman-of-color owned independent food service business serving the San Francisco Bay area. The Caribbean Cove serves up authentic Caribbean cuisine for a wide range of special occasions including corporate events, wedding receptions, theme parties, backstage cooking for music events and more. For a menu and information on services, visit www.thecaribbeancove.com

Irie Vision is a reggae and world-beat television show that covers music, news, interviews and coming events. Irie Vision appears on Access San Francisco channel 29 every Friday night at 11:30 pm and repeats at 2:30 am. www.irievision.com

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