

Local Beef O'Brady's Franchisee Recognized for Community Outreach Work

A year after taking over ownership of the Columbia, SC Beef O'Brady's restaurant, Casey Thompson was recognized by the brand with their Mayor of the Community Award for her community outreach efforts through her business.

It's hard to imagine that just a couple of years ago becoming a restaurant owner wasn't even on the longtime Columbia residents mind. Thompson took a second job waitressing at Beef O'Brady's while working in the pharmaceutical industry at Longs Drugs only to find that the restaurant would unexpectedly close down just four months later. Casey and her husband Chris had been looking for an investment opportunity and the restaurant closing presented the couple with an unexpected and unique opportunity- to take over ownership of the beloved community restaurant.

They did just that and reopened the restaurant in May 2015.

"I was most excited to get to give back to my community through my own business," said Thompson. "We've loved getting to be so active in Columbia, particularly with the schools."

Her Beef O'Brady's has become a regular gathering place for local clubs; they host fundraisers and theme nights, they host supply drives for local schools and to help the community after bad flooding and storms.

"The recognition from the Beef O'Brady's team is wonderful," she concluded. "Giving back to Columbia is my passion and it's great to be a business owner that's able to do that in my hometown."

Beef 'O' Brady's is a franchise of family sports pubs that provides the perfect atmosphere for friends and families to watch the game and grab a bite. With a focus on providing value without sacrificing quality, the Beef 'O' Brady's menu features delicious family favorites like hearty pizza and flatbreads, award-winning wings, fresh Angus burgers and crisp salads, along with a kids' menu and a full bar for the adults. Beef 'O' Brady's is strongly dedicated to community involvement through ongoing partnerships with local schools, youth sports leagues and other community groups.