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Weaver Street Market selects A Place at the Table as its 2019 community partner

**Round Up! Program Will Help A Place At The Table Provide Healthy Food To Those In Need;
Weaver Street Program Will Donate More Than 12,500 Free Meal Tokens**

RALEIGH — Weaver Street Market, the popular Triangle food co-op that will soon open its newest location in Downtown Raleigh's Warehouse District, has always taken pride in giving back to the community. Each year, Weaver Street Market supports community partners who share its vision of providing healthy food to those in need.

As it prepares to open this spring, Weaver Street Market has selected A Place at the Table as its exclusive community partner in Raleigh for 2019. The goal: to provide more than 12,500 free meal tokens to A Place at the Table — roughly a year's worth of free meals provided by Raleigh's first "pay-what-you-can" café.

"We are so excited to have Weaver Street as our neighbor," said Maggie Kane, founder of A Place at the Table. "We can't thank them enough for supporting at A Place at the Table for an entire year. They are going to provide many meals and places at the table for our friends who can't afford it!"

"Weaver Street rocks on so many levels," added Dr. Rev. Cindy Bolden, who leads A Place at the Table's Community Advisory Board. "Its heart is for others and matches our heart for all. That's a partnership that will produce much fruit and great joy for all parties involved, and especially for people who need community, love, and care."

A Place at the Table provides healthy food for all — regardless of means. Those who cannot afford to pay can instead volunteer their time or use a meal token provided by community supporters. In 2018, A Place at the Table donated 8,159 meals (more than 20 percent of all meals served) and received nearly 25,000 volunteer hours from community members.

"We've been so impressed with A Place at the Table. Weaver Street Market was created for the community, by the community, and our customers share our desire to provide healthy food to those in need. We can't wait to open our doors and start raising funds for this partnership," said Micki McCarthy, manager of Weaver Street Market's Downtown Raleigh location.

Weaver Street Market's Round Up! program encourages shoppers to round up the cost of their grocery purchase to the next dollar. Last year, Weaver Street customers rounded up their grocery bill more than 635,000 times by an average of 44 cents, raising \$281,708. Every dollar raised is used to purchase healthy food for those in need.

Last year, Weaver Street's Round Up! funds provided fresh produce to low-income families served by non-profits like PORCH, stocked food pantries with fresh produce in Carrboro and Hillsborough, and provided kid-friendly foods, including fresh fruits and vegetables to students in Orange County schools.

About Weaver Street Market

Weaver Street Market is a co-op market created for the community, by the community. We sustain healthy communities together — through the goods that we sell and the good that we do. Weaver Street

Market carefully selects high-quality products from sources we trust. Our partners include more than 100 local and independent food producers.

Founded in 1988, Weaver Street Market is owned by 20,000 consumer owners and 200 worker owners. We operate thriving downtown stores in Carrboro, Chapel Hill's Southern Village, and Hillsborough, as well as a Food House in Hillsborough that provides fresh deli, bakery, and meat products to its stores twice each day. A new market will open in Downtown Raleigh's Warehouse District in Spring 2019. Learn more at www.weaverstreetmarket.coop.

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