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## **Hope & Main Makers Marketplace opens eatery at 100 Westminster in Providence, RI on January 18th**

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Shown in attendance are: Joseph Paolino, Jr., managing partner, Paolino Properties; Barbara Papitto, founder, Papitto Opportunity Connection; governor Daniel McKee; Lisa Raiola, president/founder, Hope & Main; project team members and local and state leaders at the ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Providence, RI Hope & Main, the state's first food business incubator, officially opened the doors of its downtown location on January 18th. This new urban eatery and local market located at 100 Westminster St. will showcase foods and products from the food incubator's member community. With support from Papitto Opportunity Connection and Paolino Properties, this new concept creates more equitable access for emerging food-preneurs.

Hope & Main Makers Marketplace will be open for breakfast and lunch, offering locally sourced items, grab-and-go foods, a curated selection of Hope & Main members' products and prepared foods, as well as a coffee, tea and craft beverage bar anchored by (Hope & Main member business) Schastea.

Hope & Main is Rhode Island's premier culinary incubator and among the top ten in the country. Hope & Main has launched nearly 300 businesses since 2014.

Hope & Main's mission is to empower an inclusive community of entrepreneurs to jumpstart and

cultivate thriving food businesses that are the foundation of a more just, sustainable and resilient local food economy.

Hope & Main is an integrated system of accessible resources that equips entrepreneurs with the competence, confidence and connections to achieve their business ambitions.

Hope & Main is a community of educators who partner with diverse industry professionals and experts to bring relevant information and insight that entrepreneurs need to remain nimble and responsive to the opportunities and demands of a constantly evolving food landscape.

Hope & Main is a voice of advocacy for the needs of small business entrepreneurs and the potential they represent for a more equitable and vibrant local food system.

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