

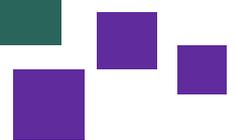


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ANNUAL REPORT

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A LOOK AT HOW YOU HELPED DREAMS
SUCCEED IN 2025 & BEYOND



2025 Annual Report



Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Incubator Kitchen Collective (IKC), I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued support of our mission. Your generosity and belief in local food entrepreneurship have fueled another remarkable year of growth, creativity, and community impact.

We are thrilled to share this Donor Impact Report and 2025 Year in Review with you. Within these pages, you'll see the tangible results of your investment – entrepreneurs launching new products, kitchens bustling with innovation, and partnerships that are strengthening our local food system. Every story and success highlighted in this report was made possible because of you.

As we look ahead, the Incubator Kitchen Collective remains deeply committed to empowering small food businesses, creating shared opportunities, and building a more equitable and sustainable food future. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey.

With gratitude,
Becky Susman Gaible
President, Board of Directors
Incubator Kitchen Collective



2025 Donor Impact Report



Our 2025 Sponsors

Belle Legal - Blk Wine Fest - Blue North - Christina Fox - ECDI - Emma O'Dell - Gerry Grubbs - H2 Consulting - Kroger - Overnight Outfitters - Premier Produce One - Seamless Printing - Shepherd Wealth Management - Teah Longland Photography - The Archive Collection - Wimberg Landscaping - Yelp Cincy



Rachel DesRochers
Founder/CEO

“The Incubator Kitchen Collective exists because of people – entrepreneurs who take brave leaps, partners who show up with generosity, and a community that believes food can be a pathway to opportunity. Every hour booked, every product launched, and every entrepreneur supported represents more than a metric, it reflects someone believing in themselves. I am deeply grateful to our members, supporters, and team who pour their time, trust, and heart into this shared kitchen. What we’ve built together is bigger than any one business; it’s a future rooted in dignity, access, and shared possibility.”

2025



YEAR IN NUMBERS

\$329,958.51

Total Revenue

39

Full-Time
Members in 2025

51

Members All
Year in 2025

3

Incubated Out

6K

Cumulative
Followers

7,000+

Kitchen Hours Booked

1,250

Subscribers

8

Large-Scale
Collabs

2025 Donor Impact Report



January

- Jan. 30th – Kroger Grant Announcement Event
- 10 Vendors Participated
- \$1,585 Individual Donations
- 150+ Attendees
- 10 New Members Announced thanks to the Kroger Food Artisan Grant which empowers these members to thrive
- \$42,700 Donation from Kroger

February

- Feb. 14th – Valentine’s Day Treat Box
- 8 companies supported, sold 17, made \$400

March

- NKY Chamber Inaugural Business Achievement Award
 - IKC won Newport Business Council Award

April

- April 10th – *Cincinnati Magazine* Best of Cincinnati Event
- \$1,000 raised in raffle tickets
- Local “Best of Cincy” restaurants offered samples of their award winning foods and IKC benefited from raffle ticket sales for items from local businesses.
- 300 Attendees



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May

- Taste of Cincinnati featured kitchen members in the community

June

- Congrats to Jukebox Beverages for incubating out of the IKC!
 - You can find Jukebox in the Deerfield Town Center in Mason at their new sparkling beverage studio

July

- July 10th – IKC was a special guest for Summer Market hosted by The Spot on West Fifth. Proceeds from drink sales benefited IKC. Food, beverage, and hand crafted vendors welcomed guests into their beautiful space and as a bonus, proceeds from the bar we're generously being donated to the IKC
- July 15th – Townhall with IKC Members focused on member requests and operational needs

August

- Celebrated In the Curious Kitchen and Cora's Cakery for 5 years of membership in the kitchen



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September

- The Incubator Kitchen Collective gained international recognition when the U.S. State Department hosted global delegates to learn how our support for food entrepreneurs fuels business growth and strengthens the local economy

October

- Oct. 8th – *Cincinnati Magazine* Cincy Bake Off event. An IKC Board Member, Christina, judged amateur desserts. We held a raffle to benefit IKC and raised \$500. Over 300 attendees
- Participated in Cincinnati River Roots Festival, showcasing makers & members in our region

November:

- Taste of Gratitude raised \$27,000 to support the Incubator Kitchen!
 - Partnered with SparkHaus to host the Taste of Gratitude – a dinner-by-the-bite signature fundraiser for the IKC featuring members. Thanks to all those who attended and supplied auction items! We had over 150 attendees!
- Thanksgiving Meal Boxes
 - Sold 14 boxes, supporting 7 members

December

- End-of-Year Campaign & Giving Tuesday Collab with @everythingcincy, raising over \$2,500 to support IKC!
- Mimi's Macro's incubated out of the kitchen in December 2025





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