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BISTRO 107 OPENS IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GREER

The ***Greer Development Corporation (GDC)*** is pleased to announce the grand opening of ***Bistro 107*** in historic downtown Greer. This new restaurant located at 107 South Main Street will offer a bistro flair with accents of Italian, Thai, Asian, French, Southwest, and Moroccan entrée's made fresh every day. Operations will be seven days a week. Lunch will be served from 11:00 am to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday with a brunch on Sunday. Dinner hours will be from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm Monday through Thursday and 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. The establishment will be able to seat 18 in the bar area and 90 in the dining area. Plans are to employ 14 new associates.

The restaurant is owned and operated by Mrs. Debra and Chef Apolonio Mojarro and Chef Francis Turck. Chef Mojarro and Chef Turck have developed this new restaurant in the Upstate after having worked together for ten years at world renowned Taboo restaurant in Palm Beach, Florida. Both are recognized professionals in the restaurant industry and have won numerous awards that include the 2001 Chef of the Year in Florida as recognized by World Taste magazine.

"Bistro 107 is a dream come true," stated Mrs. Mojarro. "Moving from Palm Beach, Florida has been a fantastic change for all of us both personally and professionally. Our families feel right at home and appreciate what the community of Greer has been working on to revitalize the historic downtown. Combine the downtown with the quality schools in the area, the new parks, and the affordable housing makes Greer a great place to do business and raise a family."

Chef Majorro added, "We looked at Anderson and Greer and were impressed by both areas. With the help of the local banks, the local real estate professionals, and other business service providers in Greer we were able to find the right building and put our plans in action."

"We are excited about ***Bistro 107*** being another addition to the growing mix of businesses in the Greer area," commented Chef Turck. "Our vision has been to offer a quality dining experience in a growing market that will leave a memorable experience for all to enjoy. Downtown Greer has those opportunities and ingredients for everyone to be successful and we are glad to be a part of it."

"We congratulate ***Bistro 107*** on their new opening," commented David Swenson, Executive Director for the ***Greer Development Corporation (GDC)***. "The number of dining establishments in our historic downtown continues to grow along with our retail and service sectors and that is good for Greer and the Upstate community. This win for our downtown was a team effort and with that approach we are able to attract new businesses and help existing ones flourish."

“We are excited about having **Bistro 107** in downtown Greer,” said Wryley Bettis, **2006 Chairman of GDC**. “We think that by their presence and the addition of many others we are continuing to make Greer the location of choice in the Greenville & Spartanburg market. Balancing our community’s excellent quality of life with the commitments of new and growing businesses, we see an ingredient for long-term success.”

For more information on **Bistro 107** you can contact them directly at 864.879.1107.

Real estate services were provided by Mr. Jeff Howell from Langston-Black Real Estate. Construction services were provided by Mr. Gabe Waters of Cunningham-Waters Construction. Mr. David Langley from Langley and Associates provided the architectural services. Mr. Stan Costar from Ballentine Equipment assisted with new equipment resources and Mr. Tim Cousins from Southern Wine and Spirits provided beverage services.

The Greer Development Corporation is a non-profit organization established to promote and enhance economic growth and development in the Greer community. GDC is a 501c(4) public-private partnership focused on business recruitment and retention activities, targeted marketing, and product development.