

Doing Good by Eating Well at Coles

When Cole Arimes returned to Lexington in 2012 to open his own restaurant, he wanted to do more than serve fine food. A native Lexingtonian, he wanted to give back to the community that he loved. While working at Embers in Cincinnati, he had experienced community collaboration through dinners supporting local charities. He wanted to bring that to his own restaurant.

Since opening Coles 735 Main at the corner of North Ashland and Main streets, Cole has participated in numerous community events as a guest chef, hosted charitable events to raise funds and featured local art in his dining room.

Now established as one of Lexington's most popular local restaurants known for the menu's innovation crafted from



local ingredients, Cole takes it to the next level with Coles Community Table. Launched last November, inaugural events have raised funds for On the Move Art Studio and Central

KY Riding for Hope.

"It provided a unique opportunity to bring together our board and friends for a wonderful evening of delicious food and fun," says Riding for Hope's Executive Director Pat Kline, "and the money raised was a great benefit to our organization."

The next event, for the Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass, is scheduled for February 21.

The formula is simple: A percentage of the proceeds from the night's checks provide much-needed funds for the featured charity, and Coles 735 Main and the charity both

promote the event. Guests order from the regular menu, enjoying Coles' signature creations such as panko-fried avocado with crab salad and that Southern staple, shrimp and grits, while supporting a community charity and enjoying an evening with friends and colleagues.

Chef Cole says the goal is to host a monthly event and he invites local nonprofit or charitable organizations to apply at www.coles735main.com/charity

To reserve seats for this and future events call 859-266-9000 or go to www.coles735main.com; and "like" Coles on Facebook and Instagram for notices of future events.

