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## **Introducing . . . Chef Stephanie Decker Executive Chef, Watercrest Myrtle Beach**

We are proud to introduce Chef Stephanie Decker, Executive Chef at Watercrest Myrtle Beach!

She reminisces early days in her career beginning at age 15, “dipping my toe” into the service industry in a small-town cafe in upstate New York. Although she had been hired as a server, Stephanie took every opportunity to dabble in the back of house, absorbing knowledge alongside the short order cook, baker, and prep cooks. She took on as many tasks as possible to keep busy throughout the day, always learning as she went along.

From there, she embarked on quite an adventure, from working in fine dining at a lakeside resort, to achieving a Graphic Arts degree, and serving in a few corporate positions. Her experiences were accompanied by several relocations, though she found her home in Myrtle Beach, living here for the past 16 years.

While here, she has served in front-of- and back-of-house positions, ultimately deciding to further her culinary education by attending the International Culinary Institute, where she achieved a degree in Baking and Pastry Arts.

Chef Stephanie joined Watercrest Myrtle Beach as a pastry chef in August of 2022, working closely under the chef . . . learning and growing at every opportunity. She was offered the position as the executive chef early in 2024 and couldn't have been happier. “My core value is caring,” she says, “and I show how much I care for our residents through the food I serve them and the connections that I have formed with them. You could certainly say that food is my love language. Watercrest has become my home, just as our residents call this their home, and I am humbled and grateful for this opportunity to further serve this community.”

We are thrilled to have Chef Stephanie on our Watercrest Myrtle Beach team!