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The Green Harvest Co. chases winter blues with music *The Progress Fund backs purchase of café building*

Bedford, PA – Jan. 5, 2009 – A Jan. 10 show by Virginia-based blues, jazz and gospel duo Allen Holmes and Alison Radcliffe kicks off the winter music series at The Green Harvest Co., Bedford's home for healthy and delicious food.

The series' second show, by Bedford's own acoustic group Vintage Dusk, will be Jan. 24. Start times for all shows are 7 p.m., and there is a \$4 cover charge.

The Green Harvest Co. has hosted a winter music series since it first opened three years ago. Along with its one-of-a-kind breakfast Paninis and lunch grillers, tapas evenings, cooking lessons and private parties, the series highlights The Green Harvest Co.'s role as a community gathering place, and a welcome option for the region's growing number of visitors.

"We bring more people to the Downtown area," said Green Harvest owner Kimberly Ann Foreman. "It's something unique. The town doesn't have another place like this to eat."

The Progress Fund recognized that uniqueness, and also saw the economic development inherent in The Green Harvest Co.'s use of local produce and eggs from Horn's Organic Farm in Mann's Choice and other local sources. The Progress Fund agreed to lend Kim \$140,000 to buy the building she'd rented since 2005. She closed on the purchase late last year, securing the future of the historic former drug store at 110 East Pitt St.

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