Precious Chambers: Bridging Corporate Strategy and Cultural Heritage at Aunt Cheryl's Cafe

How a second-generation culinary leader leverages a decade of corporate banking expertise to transform a beloved Pittsburgh institution into an enterprise-scale power player.

A Full-Circle Journey in Hospitality

Precious Chambers' path in the hospitality industry has come full circle. Long before she was steering major corporate negotiations or managing complex enterprise catering operations, her foundation was built on the humble, hands-on lessons of small business grit. As a young girl supporting her mother's early baking enterprise, Chambers' initiation into culinary work began with foundational tasks—such as carefully cleaning pickle jars to repurpose for storage and prep. Today, as Manager of Aunt Cheryl's Cafe in Braddock, Pennsylvania, those early lessons in precise organization and discipline serve as the bedrock for leading large-scale corporate growth and operational scaling.



A second-generation entrepreneur, Chambers effortlessly bridges the gap between grassroots community hospitality and executive-level corporate strategy. Her career represents a powerful union of traditional culinary heritage and modern business insight, positioning Aunt Cheryl's Cafe not merely as a neighborhood staple, but as a premier procurement partner across the greater Pittsburgh region.

Combining Corporate Structure and Entrepreneurial Drive

What sets Chambers apart in the competitive culinary ecosystem is her unique backgrounds-fusion. Prior to taking the helm at Aunt Cheryl's Cafe, she spent a decade honing her expertise in banking operations. This extensive financial background equipped her with a deep, analytical understanding of workflow optimization, enterprise risk management, fiscal discipline, and strategic forecasting. To further refine her commercial expertise, Chambers is currently pursuing formal studies in Hospitality Management at Point Park University and has completed prestige business accelerator programs, including RCI BizFit and Catapult Culinary. By translating strict banking protocols into small business workflows, Chambers has modernized the cafe's internal infrastructure. Under her guidance, Aunt

Cheryl's Cafe has expanded its capacity to handle complex compliance requirements, large-scale supply chain logistics, and high-volume corporate procurement, all while preserving the warm, family-oriented ethos that customers have cherished for decades.



Driving High-Profile Enterprise Growth & Social Impact

Under Chambers' strategic direction, Aunt Cheryl's Cafe has broken into elite corporate and civic procurement pipelines. Her forward-thinking leadership led to securing major vendor contracts for the highly anticipated 2026 NFL Draft in Pittsburgh—a milestone achievement that highlights the business's technical capacity, scale, and reputation for excellence.

Furthermore, Chambers' commitment to business growth is mirrored by her dedication to social impact and community advocacy. She helped spearhead a landmark partnership with the NFL and GENYOUth on a $1 million child hunger initiative, delivering vital nutrition and resources to youth across the region. Off the floor, Chambers stays deeply engaged with civic leadership through active involvement with organizations like Pittsburgh Scholar House and an extensive network of regional business leaders, ensuring that the cafe's financial success directly fuels regional economic empowerment.

Company Overview: Aunt Cheryl's Cafe



Founded in 1989 by founder Cheryl Johnson, Aunt Cheryl's Cafe is a celebrated Pittsburgh culinary institution recognized for its authentic, generational family recipes and high-capacity catering infrastructure. Over more than three decades, the cafe has evolved from a beloved local dining destination into a trusted enterprise vendor capable of executing complex, massive-volume foodservice contracts.

Aunt Cheryl's Cafe boasts an extraordinary track record with prestigious partners, including Heinz Field (Acrisure Stadium), the Pittsburgh Steelers, Aramark, and the United Way—for whom they seamlessly produced and delivered 15,000 boxed lunches. Honorably recognized as Yelp's Favorite Sweet Potato Pie of 2025 and winner of the Pittsburgh Pirates & PNC Bank "Going to Bat for Small Business" award, Aunt Cheryl's Cafe continues to aggressively expand across corporate procurement, commercial pie distribution, and major stadium concessions.