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**Mert's Heart and Soul Goes Green**

*Restaurant dishes take-out using environmentally friendly products.*

Charlotte, NC – James Bazzelle, owner/executive chef of Mert's Heart and Soul, today announced that the restaurant is serving its to-go orders using products that are better for the environment. Take-out orders are now prepared using 100% compostable Greenware drink cups, recyclable aluminum containers, and paper bags.

"The new products represent our contribution to helping the environment on a local level," said Bazzelle. "We will continue to search for new ways to better serve our customers and the Charlotte community, which we are glad to call home."

All of the products are supplied by Southeastern Paper Group. The Greenware drink cups are derived from natural corn starches. The cups will disintegrate after 50 days in 150 Degree Fahrenheit temperatures and 90% humidity. The recyclable aluminum containers replace the previously used Styrofoam containers. The paper bags replace previously used plastic bags.

Take-out orders from Mert's Heart and Soul can be placed by calling 704.342.4222 or by visiting [www.mertscharlotte.com](http://www.mertscharlotte.com).

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*Mert's Heart and Soul is one of the premier dining destinations in the Carolinas. The restaurant specializes in Low Country and Gullah favorites, including shrimp and grits, southern fried chicken and award-winning macaroni and cheese. Mert's is located in the heart of Uptown Charlotte at 214 North College Street. Mert's is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week. Brunch is served every Saturday and Sunday from 9AM – 3PM. For more information call 704.342.4222 or visit [www.mertscharlotte.com](http://www.mertscharlotte.com).*