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Dear Friends of Daily Soup,

It is with a heavy heart that I am sharing this news with you today.

Despite our best efforts to keep it going, we have watched our customer base slowly decline over the past year and a half. We had high hopes for this summer, but it has been a lackluster tourist season for us, compared to year's past. It is clear that we have not made the gains needed to soldier through another winter.

This little business of mine operates as a takeout establishment only, and employs 3-4 people. Thus, profit margins have always been razor thin. We are affected by the slightest drop in business. Daily Soup has been a labor of love these many years, and we have managed to continue because of great local support and our vibrant downtown community. The post-Covid years have been a challenge for sure.

As much as we love what we do, and appreciate our loyal Daily Soup fans and the countless others who have come through our doors, the time has come to say goodbye. As the saying goes, "All good things must come to an end."

Our plans are to joyfully reach the finish line, still offering delicious food and friendship. The end date I have chosen is October 23rd, which happens to be the 13th anniversary of Daily Soup's humble beginnings out of my home back in 2012.

I have fond memories of working in this kitchen with so many exceptional people, past and present! I have been blessed with always having the perfect team. The deep and lasting friendships I have made through running this authentic and quaint little "hole-in-the-wall" have been one of its greatest gifts.

We will be open for business as usual through October 23rd, at which time I am hoping to have a big celebration! Please stop by over the coming months - we hope to see you before we close. Please know, this has been one of the most fulfilling chapters of my life! It is now time for the next one.

Sincerely,

Courtney Sanders Owner/Operator Daily Soup