

Comments From Our Distributors

From Top Team Leader Roberta Whalen:

I am from Wallingford, CT and have lived in CT all my life. I am a busy mother of 2 terrific girls. Meaghan (13) and Madison (6) and have been married to my wonderful husband Tim for 16 years. I put my career as a Child Psychologist on hold to be home with my children. I tried many different at home businesses over the years to bring in extra income. I was selling Avon and stumbled upon a post on a message board talking about "Gourmet To Go". I found my way to the website and read about it. I thought this was too good to be true. An at home gourmet food business, where you can earn incredible profits, with no kit buy or fee to join. Where all the business materials and training was available to use at my leisure and with unbelievably affordable products. So I decided to give it a try. I signed up, bought a few products, tried them and loved them. I jumped in with 2 feet and started building my team right away. I learned a lot along the way and held home parties and participated in local craft fairs. The products were flying off my table and the earnings were instant. This was great!!

As an Italian who loves to cook and was raised in the kitchen, I started experimenting with the mixes to create shortcuts and help in preparing classic dishes as well as creating new ones. I started to share my recipes with Melissa, and she asked me if it was ok to put them in the monthly company newsletter. I was asked to write a segment for the newsletter with recipes, ideas and suggestions on how to use our mixes in a variety of ways, and **Tips From The Kitchen** was born. The response from the distributors was unbelievable, and TFTK soon became it's own yahoo group.

As my team grew and I was meeting my sales requirements, Melissa asked me to be a Top Team Leader. I was honored that in my short time with the company, I was a TTL. I was also asked to be a moderator for the G2G yahoo group and running TFTK at the same time. After some discussion with Melissa and other leaders in the business, Amy Mohr and I came up with the idea to improve upon the yahoo group and create a larger forum for more participation and discussion between the distributors. The new Gourmet Cupboard Consultants forum was born. I enjoy talking with all of you and working on the board to create a support network for all TGC distributors. I've met so many wonderful people here and made many new friends. I enjoy bringing you ideas and help on the new forum and talking with you daily.

I have been with TGC for a few years now and still love it. It has become an important part of my life and has provided income to allow me to do things with my family. I've used my TGC profits to purchase a new puppy for my kids last year, took my hubby on a weekend trip to Las Vegas, and took a family vacation to Disney, just to name a few things.

I have been fortunate enough to be able to use TGC to give back to my community in a variety of ways. I've donated to firehouses, churches and schools and prepared TGC meals to my local homeless shelter for Thanksgiving dinner just to name a few.

You can earn as much or as little as you want with this business opportunity. Give it your own personal style and sell however is comfortable for you. I was fortunate enough to have been introduced to this business and have had the opportunity to share it with others. I want to thank Melissa and Judy for all their trust in me and the opportunity to grow as a leader in their business. I also want to thank my personal downline team for being so great! You guys are the best!!

I just can't say enough about TGC. Although I am hundreds of miles away from Melissa, Judy and TGC, I feel like family. I'm hoping to get to Texas one day and meet them.

See you all on the boards!

From Top Team Leader Andrea Kroll

My name is Andrea Kroll, and I am a team leader for The Gourmet Cupboard. I have been with this fantastic company since December 2004.

I sell real estate and I thought it would be nice to give something to my clients when they bought or sold a house through me. I found The Gourmet Cupboard online and thought hmmm, simple and easy gourmet food mixes! So I placed my first order and gave my next clients a housewarming basket full of the mixes.

They LOVED it!

With all the unpacking and all the hec-ti-city (is this a word?) they had been going through the last few months moving, it was greatly appreciated. I packed them the easiest to fix items...coffees, (the coffee pot is one of the FIRST items to unpack!), dips (SOOO easy and the kids love them when chips are all that's being fixed!), soups (Easy for the new homeowner to put in the crock pot and just have one thing to clean at supper time) and some pie mixes (they can keep in the pantry to have on hand for those first few guests that come and look at their new home!)

They found out how simple it was to use and get them in and out of the kitchen faster! *Plus*, it gave them more family time around the table...which it seems these days we need more of. They ordered more, they told their friends...and the rest is history!

I also take The Gourmet Cupboard to our church functions, my office, and everywhere else I can to spread the word about how GREAT our mixes are! And you ought to see the smile I get from my hubby when he knows I'm fixing to whip up a mix! (I used to be a fast food junkie! 🍔)

I feel blessed to be a part of this wonderful company! Melissa and Judy, thanks for welcoming me to be part of The Gourmet Cupboard family.

From Rachel Garlinghouse

My name is Rachel Garlinghouse, and I am one of those women who dread getting yet another home party invitation. The party hosts expect guests to purchase overpriced merchandise that usually ends up being mediocre (at best) in quality. So, I admit that for a long time, I was very skeptical of home businesses.

I began to explore income earning opportunities in May of 2007 when my husband and I began our adoption process, which as many of you probably know can be quite costly. Even though my husband works full time and I have three part-time jobs, I wanted to find a way to earn more money that would specifically help us fund our adoption.

God's timing is always perfect! One afternoon I was reading the online adoption forum I frequent and found a thread on home businesses. One woman said that she had recently signed up to be a distributor with a food company called The Gourmet Cupboard. I clicked on the link she provided and up came the GC website. After reading about how and why the company was started and how one could become a GC distributor, I was sold and signed up right away.

In November, I had my first party. I had a wonderful turnout, over twenty women! We had a wonderful time congregating by the fireplace, sampling food, and laughing. That evening I generated over \$600 in sales. I was pleased to be off to a great start. That same week I had a second party at my best friend's school and generated another \$100 in sales.

At the very beginning of February, I had my third home party. I shared a little about the company and the products. I ended my short talk by thanking everyone for helping support me in the adoption journey. Then I let the food speak for itself. I offered an

array of dishes including the Taco “Soup”reme Soup, Beer Bread, Chili Cheese Dip, Mexican Fiesta Dip, Apple Spice Cake, and Hot Chocolate. With over twenty women in attendance, I had few leftovers. The Beer Bread was a huge hit and not a crumb remained! This event generated nearly \$400 in sales.

GC is an appealing company for many reasons. First, the women who run this company personally communicate via phone and e-mail with their distributors. What I love most is that Melissa, Judy, and their staff offer fantastic support and enthusiasm. Second, the products are delicious, easy to make, and inexpensive. Third, there is no start up costs for distributors. Fourth, the profit margin is impressive, though the customers still receive great products at fair and competitive prices. And finally, the hostess benefits are wonderful, making it easy for distributors to book home parties.

This business has been a tremendous blessing in my life so far, and I look forward to continually working with GC. It’s awesome to know that our adoption journey will be touched and supported by so many wonderful people.

From Top Team Leader Deb Templeton

I started with this wonderful company in February 2005. My sponsor contacted me and said I really should check out this new company. So I did and right away I got this feeling that this was an opportunity that I should not pass up. I immediately quit my other food company, placed a big order and I have not looked back. A year later, I also gave up my basket company to concentrate solely on TGC.

I live in the Peoria, Illinois area and have been here most of my life. I’m originally from Tennessee and plan to return there when I retire from Caterpillar. My 82 year-old mother and my 2 four-legged girls (kitties) live with me and mostly rule the roost. LOL Our southern taste buds just love our mixes! But I’ve found that it doesn’t matter where people grew up. People of all nationalities and cultures love our mixes.

When I have time, I love to read, garden, and cook. I have lots of flower gardens and yard just waiting for attention when the weather gets warmer. I work full-time, lead a local bariatric support group, have a house and yard to maintain, and I market TGC at a lot of local public events. My team will tell you that I believe in the power of public events for reaching the largest number of people in the shortest amount of time. If making money is your #1 goal, home parties is the way to go. I’ve also purchased ads on various web sites and I have a magnetic sign on my truck. I want everyone to know what I do and what I have to offer! I love to share TGC mixes with friends as gifts, in baskets for fundraising for community needs, and at work for potlucks. I’m very proud of our product.

I had a goal in the very beginning to build a large team and I started recruiting right away. I think one of my strengths is that I can envision the future and I try to not let today get in the way of tomorrow. I have goals and I’m always looking toward those goals. While balancing a full-time job, my gourmet business and family, at one time or another, each has been sacrificed for the other. Sometimes my gourmet business must take third place to family and my job. But that’s the beauty of a home-based business. You can work it around the other important aspects of your life. It’s all in your hands to make it all that you want it to be.

I’ve come into contact with so many wonderful people since I started with this company – other team leaders, distributors and especially my team. I was a moderator for the old G2G yahoo group and now moderate my team message board. I can’t possibly talk about

this company without talking about Melissa and Judy. They have earned my respect many times over in the last three years. They are the heart of this wonderful company and make it an honor to be part of it all.

I wish you all joy and success in your business! The best is yet to come!

From Melody Edwards

The items we have personally tried are 1) easy, 2) good and 3) sell themselves. My 10 year old son loves making the Tortilla Soup and makes it and several items by himself and thinks he is Emeril Jr. I enjoy selling products that we love and use ourselves and can recommend to family/friends, etc. They are good quality, quick and easy and things everyday working people can easily make at home with just a few ingredients. Melissa, Shannon and Ms. Baker are so easy to deal with, always have things ready when I need them, day or night and love suggestions and comments. Easiest job I've ever had-these items sell themselves, especially if you sample them to people and/or try them yourself. I like being able to do this at my leisure, and am excited about the products - they are really good and quick!!

From Yvette Sharp

I was introduced to the company through a friend hosting a book party. I was so impressed with the variety, quality of products, and pricing, I became a satisfied customer immediately. Upon learning the background of the company and the distributor requirements; especially the ability to sell on-line, I signed up. My experiences selling have been rewarding and fun. The support I receive from Melissa is constant and always with an offer to assist me in any way she can. We have become friends which has been a special serendipity experience for me.

From Sharon Groom

Sharon Groom states top 10 reasons to join The Gourmet Cupboard!

1. Ground Floor Opportunity
2. One of the best pay structures in the industry
3. Great income potential
4. Reasonably priced products
5. Large selection of products
6. Sugar free line
7. You can sell anyway you like
8. Low monthly quota
9. No fee to join
10. It saved my family from a life of take out pizza's.

From Deana Smith

I'm a work-at-home mom who in the past had tried several home-business opportunities. I wanted to be able to stay home with my family and have an income, plus do something that I enjoy. I paid as much as \$50.00-\$100.00 to join and then I was required to purchase \$100.00 worth of products per month, which I didn't always need. It was impossible to build a team as other people found it as hard to afford as I did. I was misled by promises that I would make huge commissions and in actuality, I never made a dime. Then I found the Gourmet Cupboard. They offer fantastic gourmet products at a very reasonable price and an affordable, no start-up opportunity, which I personally

believe, is one of the best home-based businesses around. They also provide excellent support and mentoring to help you succeed. I have been with the company now for almost 3 years, I am a Top Team Leader and LOVE what I do! As in any business, if you believe in your products and the company, you will be successful and The Gourmet Cupboard made that happen for me. I highly recommend their products and home-business opportunity to everyone!