

## **Ragina Scott Saunders Bio**

Ragina Scott Saunders is a native of the Lowcountry. She is a 2018 Jefferson Award recipient, an honored finalist for the 2020 Lowcountry Remarkable Women Award, and a member of the Ministerial Alliance.

For 10 years, Scott Saunders was the owner and event manager of Scotts Grand Event Center, North Charleston. Scotts Grand strived to maintain good old-fashioned hospitality.

Scott Saunders is the Founder and Executive Director of Destiny Community Café, the area's only Pay-What-You-Can healing community café, and the first non-profit Soul Food & Gullah Geechee cuisine. The Cafe is also affiliated with One World Everybody Eats, an international network association. Saunder's purpose is to raise the level of awareness through her online platform about food insecurity in this country and reduce food waste. She also seeks to be a catalyst for change in our communities.

There are independent community cafes across the United States including Jon Bon Jovi's JBJ Soul Kitchen, New Jersey, and S.A.M.E. Café in Colorado; the longest-running café in operation for over 13 years. Scott Saunder's is one of the few of the many other cafes that are serving meals throughout the pandemic.

Destiny Community Café provided over 2,000 meals during the worst of the COVID pandemic. The Cafe collaborates with the Medical University of South Carolina's Urban Farm and other local college environmental sustainability programs to reduce food waste through community service projects, hands-on education, and giving from the heart.