



MORTON GROVE

Restaurant Feature

Afghan Kabob

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Afghan Kabob is nestled into the Austin/Dempster Plaza at the northwest corner of Austin Avenue and Dempster Street. The restaurant opened its doors in July of 2020, at a time of unprecedented uncertainty in the food service industry. With years of experience and a commitment to quality, the family-owned business continues to demonstrate resilience and success in difficult times.

Afghan Kabob is an authentic Afghani restaurant that has served the Chicagoland area since 2007. The owner, Nasir Raufi, emigrated from Afghanistan to Chicago in 1983 to flee the war-stricken country. Raufi grew up in Puli Khumri, a city located in northern Afghanistan. In Chicago, Raufi yearned for his mother's cooking but had trouble finding restaurants that accurately captured the flavors of his homeland.

Determined to share his family traditions and the cuisine of northern Afghanistan, Nasir and his family opened the first Afghan Kabob location in the Albany Park neighborhood of Chicago in 2007. After over a decade of doing business, the family packed



Nasir Raufi and his family serve up authentic Afghani cuisine at Afghan Kabob

their bags and moved to California in search of new adventure and opportunity. It didn't take long for them to return to their Chicago roots. Attracted to the excellent location and diverse customer base, Raufi decided to re-open Afghan Kabob in Morton Grove. The family is committed to serving its customers with the same authentic taste of Afghanistan as it has for years.

To the Raufi family, Afghan Kabob is an invitation into the family home and Afghani culture. Every dish is prepared with the care and authenticity of a home-cooked meal in Puli Khumri. The menu includes family recipes prepared with homemade spices. Items are also inspired by traditional street food in Afghanistan, where vendors wrap kabobs, french fries, and vegetables

in a warm flat bread. Dishes include lamb, chicken, beef, fish, and vegetarian options, and all meats are certified Zabiha Halal by the Halal Monitoring Services (HMS).

The restaurant's interior was designed to capture the essence of Afghani culture. Ornate rugs and decorations brought from Afghanistan decorate the walls and floors. A unique restaurant feature is the authentic Afghani seating area, complete with colorful embroidered pillows and textiles.



Afghan Kabob earns excellent feedback on all leading food review websites, with several mentions of the family's kindness and generosity. The restaurant has previously been featured by Time Out Chicago and the Chicago Reader. According to Chicago Reader columnist Mike Sula, "Nasir Raufi pulls in a multi-ethnic range of customers from all over the city and suburbs, but it's more likely the solid execution of his country's cuisine that keeps them coming back." Strong customer loyalty is cherished by the family and serves as motivation for conducting business.

The Village encourages you to check out Afghan Kabob and patronize the diversity of restaurants the community has to offer. Supporting Morton Grove restaurants bolsters the local economy and helps ensure that our businesses and commercial districts will succeed for years to come.

For current hours and menu items, visit afghankabobchicago.com.