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A new twist on lunch at Our Place

Vancouver Island Chef Michael Williams brings touch of spice to menu

VICTORIA, B.C. – If there is one thing a chef enjoys, it's an appreciative audience – and there are few more appreciative than the hungry lunchtime crowd at Our Place.

Local celebrity chef Michael Williams is returning to Our Place on Tuesday, Jan. 7 to bring a "different perspective" to our lunchtime meal. Taking over the creative reins from our long-time chef, Brian Cox, for the day, Williams has his eye on an Indian Black Bean Spice Chilli with perhaps a salad or Naan bread.

"It's a very welcoming environment," says Williams. "And people are so appreciative."

A regular on Shaw TV's *The Daily* program, Williams also spends his time teaching, food styling and creating recipes for Country Grocer. As an added bonus, Country Grocer will be donating the ingredients needed to create Williams' special lunch.

Our Place is an inner-city community centre serving Greater Victoria's most vulnerable: working poor, impoverished elderly, individuals with mental health and physical challenges, and the homeless. It provides 45 transitional housing units, over 1,200 meals per day, hot showers, free clothing, counseling and outreach services. Most importantly, it provides a sense of hope and belonging to our neighbours in need.

Event: Vancouver Island Chef Michael Williams **When:** Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, 11:30am – 12:30pm **Where:** Our Place Society, 919 Pandora Ave, Victoria

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