



TINA KADOLPH

Coffee-brewing for a cause—to end human trafficking.

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A HORRIFIC BEGINNING: Growing up in California with her mom, a prostitute, Tina Kadolph got involved in sex trafficking at age 4 and was sexually abused for more than a decade. She ran away from home at 17 but met and married “the wrong guy.” Into drugs and violence, he put a gun to Tina’s head and threatened to kill her. Friends intervened and he was arrested and sent to jail. All this and Tina was barely 20 years old. Yet, that rough start in life planted the seed for Palate Coffee Brewery—a volunteer-staffed café in Sanford where all profits go toward abolishing modern-day slavery: human trafficking.

HER SAVING GRACE: Life changed for the better in 1981 when Tina met Carl Kadolph at a party. “He saw something in me that I didn’t see in myself,” she recalls. When Carl gave her a rose to demonstrate her beauty and worth, she says, “It was the first time a guy had ever treated me with kindness.” They moved to Florida, got married, had two daughters (now 31 and 33), and adopted a son (now 23) from Guyana. Tina and Carl recently celebrated their 34th anniversary.

LIGHTBULB MOMENT: Through therapy, Tina learned to deal with her past, which led the Kadolphs to start Love Missions in 2000. Dedicated to ending human trafficking, the nonprofit does mission work through community awareness, education, and hands-on projects. In the U.S., volunteers travel to impoverished areas to care for those in need. Globally, they build safe houses. On a trip to Guyana, Tina encountered a 7-year-old girl whose mother sold her for \$25 to a 57-year-old man. “That triggered me,” notes Tina. “I wanted to give them hope that life can be different.”

A CUP WITH A CAUSE: Wanting to empower their local community to make a global difference, the Kadolphs opened Palate Coffee Brewery in 2015 to raise money and awareness for Love Missions. Tapping into his construction background, Carl saved dozens of pallets to help design the space’s interior. Considered an ugly throw-away, the pallets symbolize what Tina says human trafficking victims feel—that they’re trash. But the Kadolphs turned the pallets into something beautiful—a coffee shop with a purpose. Through Love Missions and Palate Coffee, they hope to do the same for victims—turn their lives into something beautiful by providing hope, support, and resources. The all-volunteer baristas at Palate pour “a local cup with a global mission,” where all profits (including tips) are funneled to Love Missions. To date, Palate has raised more than \$36,000 (in funds, clothing, hygiene kits, and other items) to help fight human trafficking.



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