

# Half Day Café an Entire Success

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Family, friends, and fabulous food is the philosophy behind Half Day Café. Dale and Patty Hipsley, the owners, clearly strive for "fresh interesting food in a neighborhood setting."

Indeed, Half Day Café has helped make Wyoming a stronger community. The renovation of the café was an entire neighborhood effort and the finished restaurant provides residents with a family-friendly meeting place.

Dale and Patty strongly believe in family. Patty explains, "We wanted to have a work schedule to have the most time with our kids. This whole thing is about having a lifestyle. Our family is very important to us."

Dale is originally from Florida and Patty is from Detroit. The two met in Detroit where Dale was a regional manager for a nationwide restaurant chain. In 2000, the couple relocated to Cincinnati with Dale's job. After spending one year in Pleasant Ridge, the family of four moved to Springfield Pike because they like "good schools and old houses."

Dale and Patty have responded to the needs of the community. "We talked to other moms and dads at soccer games. People told us what they wanted. We perceived there to be a void to fill. And we wanted a place to go!" Dale laughs.

The nine-month renovation began as a family dream and "evolved to a Wyoming project," Dale says.

Dale explains the lengthy process of renovation, "It's a 2006 kitchen going into an 1890 building. There were no problems other than the scope of the project. It was very ambitious. It was very frustrating, but everyone was willing to help the project move forward. We hit a lot of challenges but Rod shepherded us through them."

Rod Sidley, the architect-next-door, says the renovation "was an effort of coordination with ev-

*All the local contractors who helped modernize the 1890 building*

