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### Battenkill Kitchen Moving Forward

The Battenkill Kitchen, Inc. (BKI) is pleased to announce it has received its official designation as a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit tax-exempt organization over the summer. The process has been a long one, but with the determination of BKI's president, Will Lennon and with help from attorney, Alan Wrigley, BKI can now make use of generous grant funds from Senator Betty Little as well as gifts from Newman's Own, and other BKI supporters to make necessary improvements and to promote and market the kitchen.

The BKI is an educational kitchen facility located at the Historic Salem Courthouse in Salem, Washington County. The BKI welcomes farmers, individuals, businesses, and community organizations to use the commercially equipped kitchen to process products for individual use or retail sale, hold educational programs, meetings, and special events. This New York State Department of Ag and Markets inspected kitchen is a perfect place to launch a small food business without a large capital investment.

Plans are underway to make renovations to the kitchen to help turn the space into a state-of-art facility. Planned improvements include new flooring, new stainless steel work tables on wheels, and purchasing commercial kitchen equipment such as: a 40-gallon steam kettle, a stand mixer, food processor, digital scale and immersion blender. The kitchen will be in operation during the renovation. For more information on using the kitchen to develop your value added food product, call the BKI at 854-3032.