

# cast

# feast or family

## Marie's Italian Restaurant & Deli

According to Carl, he named the restaurant after his wife Marie because, like ships, cars and planes, men have always named expensive, complicated, hard to manage things after women. Now they own 3 restaurants in the town of Chatham New Jersey, two of them just doors from each other. They're both veterans of the restaurant world. Their love of food, each other and their hilarious sense of humor keep them going strong.

### Marie:

Marie's father was German, her mother was Italian and they both loved to cook. While it's evident the Italian half of the kitchen won out, she inherited a deep love of home made, traditional, old world cuisine. Marie was responsible for much of the menu at the Italian restaurant, but now four doors down, she's found a new focus in Marie's Chicken Joint. The latest venture serves Southern inspired fast food. It's fun, tasty and it's got a kick to it. Sums up the two of them perfectly.

### Carl:

The son of Cuban immigrants, Carl learned to cook at his mother's side and never stopped. He's worked at some of the biggest names in the business and wowed judges and fans on both Top Chef and Diners Drive-Ins and Dives. Along with running their three restaurants, Carl flew to Prince Edward Island in Canada to open a new restaurant. It became such a hit with food critics that he stayed to run it – until the Canadian government, after noticing he was on the cover of a renowned food magazine, questioned the true purpose of his "tourist visa." Oops.

