



Opportunity

“With a positive attitude, you can accomplish whatever comes across your path.”

—BRENDA ALVES

Owner

Portofino Restaurant, Warwick, RI

Brenda Alves knows a lot about opportunity. She and her husband opened their own restaurant 17 years ago, but she had to take on full responsibility when her husband fell ill.

“It was difficult, but we did it. It’s the people that keep me going each day. To me, it’s not a business—it’s a way of life, and I love it,” she says. Today, Portofino is one of Rhode Island’s favorite restaurants—and a pillar of the local community.

A cornerstone of careers, community and the nation’s economy, the hospitality and tourism industry offers Rhode Islanders the opportunity to build a career and to live their dream. In fact, the hospitality and tourism industry offers more growth opportunities for minorities and women than any other industry.

The hospitality and tourism industry, an industry of opportunity.

Just ask Brenda Alves.

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HOSPITALITY AND
TOURISM FACTS:**

■ With more than 61,000 employees, the hospitality and tourism industry is the 2nd largest employer in Rhode Island

■ The hospitality and tourism industry employs more minority and women managers than any other industry

■ One-third of all adults in Rhode Island have worked in the hospitality and tourism industry

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