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Culinary connoisseurs have a new reason to celebrate as Windsor-Essex County's olive oil specialists unveil a new chapter. Dressed by an Olive, located at 13029 Tecumseh Road East, has welcomed a new owner. Tara Fryer was a loyal employee for about a year when she took over as owner. She brings with her over 35 years of experience in customer service, with some of that time dedicated to restaurant management. As a result, becoming the owner of a gourmet food retailer just made sense!

"I have absolutely loved my job since day one," says Fryer. "If you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life!" Having recently been nominated for a Biz X Award for "Best Little Retail Shop of 2023" Fryer believes that owning a successful business is a truly rewarding experience, and she could not be more proud of everything she, and the rest of the staff, have accomplished.

Their niche may be olive oil, but their offerings extend far beyond. From hook and line caught salmon to a variety of frozen beef, chicken, balsamic vinegars, and pork products raised with ethical practices, their store is a treasure trove for those seeking quality and variety. Gift baskets, a specialty, cater to occasions ranging from birthdays to holidays. Fryer is constantly looking for new ways to put baskets together, and new products to bring into the store so that their selection is just as fresh as their olive oil which is sourced from 2 hemispheres and remains unfiltered and 3rd party lab tested to ensure quality and taste are top notch.

Outside of the business, Fryer is a wife, mom and pet mom. She is grateful for every moment she gets to spend with her family, and is thrilled to say that they are included in her entrepreneurship journey as Dressed by an Olive continues to be family-owned. She, alongside her husband and son, look forward to continuing to serve the Windsor-Essex community only the finest of olive oils.



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