**The Story of Colonel Sanders, KFC Founder**

KFC began with the blood, sweat and tears of one man, Colonel Harland Sanders. Born in 1890, he discovered his talent for cooking at the mere age of 9. He quit school in the sixth grade to earn money for his mother, brother, and sister after his father died.

Beginning at an early age, he held down numerous jobs, including farmer, streetcar conductor, railroad fireman and insurance salesman.

At age 40, Sanders was running a service station in Kentucky, where he would also feed hungry travelers. Sanders eventually moved his operation to a restaurant across the street and featured a fried chicken so notable that he was named a Kentucky colonel in 1935 by Governor Ruby Laffoon.

In 1952, the Colonel achieved celebrity status when he decided to franchise his famous Kentucky Fried Chicken recipe blend of 11 herbs and spices to the rest of America. To date, there are more than 20,000 KFC outlets in 120 countries and territories around the world.

**“If you give good fried chicken with mashed potatoes, chicken cracklin’ gravy, and hot biscuits and vegetables, you’re giving the best the American table can offer”.**

Sanders in his autobiography