



## Who We Are

### Tina Ronder Co-Founder



Tina Ronder is originally from Savannah, Georgia and graduated from Georgia Southern University with a Bachelor of Arts. Upon graduation she moved to South Florida and began her career in the hospitality industry, working for a manufacturer's rep firm who represented high end tabletop lines. She was then recruited by a national distributor as an outside sales representative, working with many of the top South Florida restaurants as well as some of the best chefs in the

country. Her passion for the hospitality industry never waned during her time off from work while raising her children. She has now returned to her career in hospitality in the form of operating Solutions Lounge & Restaurant featuring Escapology® with her husband, Vic Ronder.

### Vic Ronder - Co-Founder



Vic Ronder is originally from upstate New York and has his MBA from Northeastern University. After working for several Fortune 500 companies, he became self-employed in 1993, operating multiple financial and consulting firms. In early 2016, Vic was looking to diversify and came across an escape room for sale. After visiting it and others, he was hooked but felt something was missing. After discussing the concept

with Tina, it was clear that food and beverage was the missing component that would dramatically enhance the experience. With his wife’s hospitality expertise and his knowledge of finance and business management, the couple bought an Escapology® franchise and started building their newly envisioned “it’s not just an escape room” venue in Denver.

## **Darian Blackwell - Executive Chef**



Darian Blackwell is a Denver native, who after learning how to cook with his grandmother, participated in a high school culinary program called Prostart. During that program, he earned three awards— third in Baking and Pastry, the National Restaurant Award winner and the Tabasco Recipe Contest winner. After high school, Darian received his culinary degree from Johnson and Wales in 2008 and spent time training under a master chef at the Cherry Hills Country Club. Darian’s experience as an executive chef was shaped through his

time working at New Image Brewing and Sporting News Grill, as well as being a sous chef at Black Bear Country Club and Stoney’s Bar and Grill. His favorite cuisine is Mediterranean and he enjoys combining elements of North African, Italian, Spanish, and Greek traditions. Darian now joins Solutions Lounge & Restaurant featuring Escapology® as their Executive Chef.