GREEN LENTIL CURRY "Enjoy the flavor of the Middle East!"

INGREDIENTS:

2 Tbsp olive oil
2 cloves garlic
1 tsp grated fresh ginger
1 sm. yellow onion
1 Tbsp curry powder
1 ½ c Quick-Cook Lentil
2 c vegetable broth
1 13oz. can coconut milk
3 c fresh baby spinach

For Serving (optional) 4 cups cooked rice 1/4 c cilantro, chopped

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Mince the **garlic**, grate the **ginger**, and dice the **onion**. Add the **olive oil**, garlic, and ginger to a deep skillet, Dutch oven, or soup pot. Sauté the garlic and ginger over medium heat for one minute or until the garlic becomes soft and fragrant.
- 2. Add the diced onion to the skillet and continue to sauté over medium until the onion is soft and translucent. Add the **curry powder** and continue to sauté for about one minute more to toast the spices.
- 3. Add **vegetable broth** to the skillet, stir to dissolve any browned bits from the skillet's bottom. Place a lid on top, turn the heat up to medium-high, and bring the broth to a boil. Once boiling, turn the heat down to medium.
- 4. Add the can of **coconut milk** and the **Quick-Cook Lentils**, stir to combine come back up to a simmer. Let it simmer without a lid for 5 minutes, stirring often, to thicken the mixture.
- 5. Once thickened, turn the heat off. Add the fresh **baby spinach** and stir gently until the spinach has wilted. Taste the mixture and adjust the **salt** or curry powder to your liking, if needed.
- 6. Serve over a bowl of **rice**, and top with chopped **cilantro**.