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***Feed the Front Lines, Memphis* aims to support local chefs and restaurateurs while providing healthy meals to our local medical community on the front lines of this global health crisis.**

In partnership with several nonprofits and more than 40 local restaurants, Feed the Front Lines, Memphis is a volunteer effort that aims to lift up the medical community and show them they have support as we navigate our city's fight against COVID-19 together.

MEMPHIS, TN (APRIL 4, 2020) — *Feed the Front Lines, Memphis* will make its first delivery of 100 meals to the nurses and doctors working the night shift at Baptist East Memorial Hospital on Sunday, April 5, 2020.

Rizzo's Diner, which closed its door in response to the "Safer at Home" order, will be the first of many restaurants to prepare and deliver meals for our nurses and doctors on the front lines of this global pandemic.

In less than 72 hours, *Feed the Front Lines, Memphis'* volunteer effort raised more than \$7,000 to pay local restaurants to feed our medical community.

A second delivery is already in the works with the goal being to raise enough money to create a consistent schedule that will benefit dozens of local restaurateurs and feed as many nurses and doctors as possible.

"We know they [local restaurants] are hurting right now and whatever we can do to help them, we're going to do it," said Kelsey Lawrence, *Feed the Front Lines, Memphis* organizer. "We also felt moved to do something that would help our medical community and show them that they are in our hearts and on our minds as they fight this invisible war every day."

Our first delivery this weekend was made possible by the Memphis community's generous donations and the logistical help of our nonprofit partners, The Compost Fairy and Mid-South Food Bank, and several volunteers.

"If we can deliver 100 meals for every hospital night shift, that would be amazing," said organizer Caroline Norris. "That is money that we can put back into the economy and keep these small businesses operating."

About *Feed the Front Lines, Memphis*

As COVID-19 causes uncertainty and challenges for our local restaurants, our doctors and nurses are putting their own lives on the line to contain it. A volunteer group of working professionals and nonprofits connected to create *Feed the Front Lines, Memphis*, which aims to support local businesses and the Memphis medical community through donations and delicious meals.

- The Compost Fairy is using its collaboration mindset and connecting us with Project Green Fork restaurants who want to give back and reach new customers.
- Mid-South Food Bank's MealConnect program will ensure deliveries are made quickly and safely.

Our group's motto? **Together we can.** We will have the biggest impact in our community if we all join forces and do this together.

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