

“Italians Feed America” is Here to Help



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Chef Fabrizio Facchini and fellow chefs launched a hunger prevention non-profit inspired by Chef José Andrés.

They say food is love, and perhaps Italians live up to this expression better than anyone. For Chef [Fabrizio Facchini](#), this is most certainly true. In the face of Covid-19, he’s making an impact, bringing Italians together to give nutritional food and delicious meals to those in need.

This month, Chef Fabrizio Facchini founded [Italians Feed America](#), a non-profit dedicated to feeding communities and keeping restaurants and food workers employed. The chef said he was inspired by [World Central Kitchen](#), led by fellow chef and immigrant, José Andrés.

“I wanted to create this organization a long time ago using my networks, helping communities—families, kids, and the homeless,” said Fabrizio. “America welcomed me, gave to my family and me opportunities as has happened for many Italians and immigrants. I think we all need to give as we have received.”

In a matter of weeks, Fabrizio rounded up a formidable team of award-winning chefs, sommeliers, and leaders in the Italian food sector. Celebrities like [Rocco DiSpirito](#), restaurateur [Francesco Panella](#) and many members from the [Association for Italian Chefs in New York](#) have signed on. Over thirty non-profits, Italian brands and Italian food distributors have become [partners](#). The list includes Slow Food, Teens for Justice, and Food Bank New York City as well as household pasta, tomato sauce, and truffle brands from Italy.

On the [website](#), schools, food banks, and soup kitchens can register for meals and food. Right now, they are looking for [restaurants and commissary kitchens](#) to get involved as well as food [donations](#) from individuals, food distributors, and retailers.

Chef Facchini has stressed that children and teens are his priority. As more and more people wait in line for food, he reiterated that food donations are most important.

Italians Feed America has taken action across New York State. In Albany, Dominick Purnomo, IFA board member and President of [FeedAlbany](#), coordinated chefs, commercial kitchens, vehicles, and even musicians, to help out. In the past 20 days, Fabrizio said Purnomo's team has prepared 20,000 meals for the Albany area.

In the New York City area, [Sogno Toscano](#), an Italian food distributor, donated pasta, tomato sauce, beans, and mozzarella to Brownsville, Brooklyn. And in Lower Manhattan, Kesté Pizza, led by [Pizzaiolo Robert Caporuscio](#), continues to churn out 500 pizzas a day for healthcare workers.

Coming soon, Italians Feed America will launch a [storefront](#), where you'll be able to purchase groceries directly from their partners, like Urbani Truffles, Ace Endico, and Sogno Toscano. A portion of the sale will go towards Italians Feed America.

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