

Food for Soul Global Impact

Community Response to COVID-19

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Refettorio Felix @ St. Cuthberts

London, UK

- With extended hours, open 7 days per week, the Refettorio continues to be a primary community resource for the unhoused and food insecure.
- Volunteer Chefs and staff prepare over 500 meals per day to guests, front-line workers of the NHS at the Royal London Hospital and community organisations. Recently Expanded to serve refugees, asylum seekers and children of essential workers.
- Additional items are distributed such as hygiene supplies and mobile phones.
- Ongoing recovery of fresh foods and supplies from restaurants, farms and food distributors.
- Donate via Refettorio Felix Donor Page
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/stcuthbertscentre/refettoriefelixatstcuthberts>

Refettorio Paris

Paris, France

- Acting as a food coordination center preparing kits for Volunteer Chefs to prepare meals that are then distributed directly to those in need through community organizations.
- Together with a network of 24 restaurants, they are distributing more than 5000 meals per day and as of the June 2020, reached 150,000 meals!
- During coronavirus, over 100 tons of food as been recovered by the Refettorio.
- Donations and support via restaurants@action-refettorio.com



Refettorio Ambrosiano

Milan, Italy

- Refettorio Ambrosiano has been steadfast continuing services in Milan throughout the virus thanks to the dedication of Caritas Ambrosiana staff and community volunteers.
- Community kitchen preparing meals that are available to those in need.
- Extended hours to serve the increase of people food insecure while managing social distance and protections measures.
- Ongoing recovery from local food suppliers, community organizations.
- Caritas Ambrosiana's shelters remain open for those in need under emergency relief efforts of Caritas. A relief fund has been created to serve those who have lost employment.
- Donate via Caritas Ambrosiana Donor Page:
<https://donazioni.caritasambrosiana.it/donazioni/Refettorio-Ambrosiano-64.asp>

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Social Tables Antoniano

Bologna, Italy

- After providing delivery and take-away meals to over 30 families within their network during the quarantine, Antoniano has reopened its doors to serve families in need in its space.
- Shelter and care services continue to be expanded to meet the increase in poverty and food insecurity.
- Cultural programming and education lessons for children have moved online to maintain development and social connection.
- Ongoing Food Recovery and supplies from community while supporting shift in restaurant foodservice support.
- Spesa sospesa with Conad supermarkets in Bologna allows customers to shop for Antoniano's families.
- Donate via Antoniano Emergency Fund: <https://www.antoniano.it/andra-tutto-bene-grazie-a-te/>

Social Tables Made in Cloister

Naples, Italy

- STMIC, in collaboration with the Comune of Napoli launched a new service dedicated to families in fragile situations who live in the Porto Capuana neighbourhood.
- STMIC provides a 2-3 days per week service. On Mondays 130 to-go hot meals, on Wednesdays food packages with cheese, dough, pasta, and sauces, and throughout May, a third service was provided by chef Ciro Oliva, who provided pizzas.
- These programs are made possible through collaborations with Guest Chefs, with local association Dedalus, and the community of Porto Capuana who volunteer their time to pack boxes for their families and neighbors.



Refettorio Gastromotiva

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- Refettorio Gastromotiva has reopened as a Food Bank and distribution center filling the increase in food insecurity and hunger across the community.
- Ongoing Food Recovery is made possible by collaboration with 32 social organizations, projects, philanthropic religious organizations and government agencies
- As of June 2020 the organization had received 56 tons of food, and served more than 92 thousand meals, around 1,300 per week!
- Gastromotiva's students and alumni are opening Solidarity Kitchens inside their homes in the outskirts of Rio.
- During the coronavirus closures the Refettorio was able to recover food it otherwise would not have, such as specialty items like lobster, for its guests.

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Refettorio Mérida

Mérida, Yucatan

- In collaboration with Chef Adrián Marco and his team from Catrín Restaurant, Refettorio Mérida is working to provide free meals for vulnerable members of the community five days per week.
- To facilitate these meals, the team is working through a social service network in order to ensure that the help goes where it is most needed.
- The Refettorio team and their volunteers deliver meals door to door, ensuring that those who are at risk of food insecurity and social isolation are taken care of by their community.
- In order to donate to support the work of Refettorio Mérida, contact refettoriomerida@gmail.com

“We don’t help people remotely, but by meeting them face-to-face. Based on these interactions, we decide the most appropriate services and interventions that can help them become independent. To everyone, also to those who work at the Refettorio, I always say: “We are not doing well if we provide more meals, but if our services are not needed anymore because it means that those who had come to us for help, have found their way and are able to live independently without us. And this is possible only if you meet people, if there are services that support them.”

-Luciano Gualzetti, Director of Caritas Ambrosiana

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