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## MGM NATIONAL HARBOR DONATES 45,000+ MEALS TO NOURISH NOW



**NATIONAL HARBOR, MD** — March 18, 2020 – Days after MGM National Harbor temporarily closed its doors to the general public, the company opened its doors to donate food to the local community. This week, MGM National Harbor contributed 22 pallets of food to community partners such as Nourish Now. The food will provide more than 45,000 meals to Maryland residents.

“This unprecedented climate has paralyzed communities locally and nationally and there is no greater time than now to exercise the meaning of community,” says Melonie Johnson, President and COO of MGM National Harbor. “Partners like Nourish Now extend deep into the community and providing local families with access to healthy meals is more significant than ever.”

To assist in this effort, Brett Meyers, Nourish Now founder and executive director, contacted local catering and food donor partner Simply Fresh Events who immediately jumped in to support these efforts. Simply Fresh Trucks, along with Nourish Now vehicles, arrived at MGM National Harbor acquiring and transporting approximately 55,000 pounds of food to Nourish Now warehouses where the meals will be put together.

“We at Nourish Now are thankful for partners who are always there to give back and support our mission to end food waste and hunger,” says Meyers. “Because of our existing relationship with MGM National Harbor, it proved to be a quick and seamless process that now allows us to get meals to families in need much quicker, which is our only goal right now.”

Children and families throughout Montgomery County and Prince George’s County will be the beneficiaries of this fast-acting partnership and true spirit of everyone working together for the greater good. Meals will be available for pick up Thursday, March 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Nourish Now, 1111 Taft St, Rockville, MD 20850.

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#### **About MGM National Harbor**

Located in an unrivaled setting, MGM National Harbor offers stunning panoramic views of the eastern shore of the Potomac River in Maryland. The \$1.4 billion LEED® Gold Certified resort sits a short distance from Washington, D.C. to the north and historic sites, including George Washington's Mount Vernon estate across the river in Virginia. The 24-story, 308-room resort features premier amenities and experiences for locals as well as visitors from around the world including a dynamic two-level casino with over 160,000 square feet of space that includes slots, table games and poker; a world-class spa and salon; an entertainment theater with flexible seating for up to 3,000; high- end branded retail; 50,000 square feet of meeting space; and restaurants from renowned local, national and international chefs. MGM National Harbor is owned by MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM). For more information, visit [mgmnationalharbor.com](http://mgmnationalharbor.com) or follow on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

#### **About Nourish Now**

Nourish Now is a nonprofit food recovery organization with a dual mission of ending food waste and hunger. Established in 2011, it has recovered more than 2.8 million pounds of food. Nourish Now provides donations from restaurants, caterers, grocers, sporting venues and additional food donor partners. For more information, please visit: [www.nourishnow.org](http://www.nourishnow.org).

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