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D'AMICO CATERING and LOAVES & FISHES NOW PARTNER TO PROVIDE FREE FRESH FOOD FOR HEALTHY MEALS TO FAMILIES DURING CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Minneapolis, MN (April 28, 2020): D'Amico Catering is re-opening its kitchen to cook meals for those in need in partnership with Loaves and Fishes at YMCA/Maplewood – 2100 White Bear Ave. North. Starting today D'Amico chefs will make healthy and fresh meals for families and individuals who are now going to the YMCA for food assistance.

Loaves & Fishes serves over daily 5,500 meals to all YMCA locations and are working to target the 4 largest Y sites that run out of food each day due to the increased demand. D'Amico meals will be targeted initially at the Maplewood location.

Families may pick up food from Noon – 1 p.m., Monday through Friday at most YMCAs and choose a meal package for a family of four including a protein, vegetables and other fresh food. Lunch bags with a sandwich, snacks and fruit are also available. Anyone in the community may pick up food. YMCA membership is not required. Supplies are limited.

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About Loaves & Fishes

Loaves and Fishes has been serving Minnesotans since 1982. Today, we provide thousands of meals daily via multi-faceted programming across the state: public dining with social service advocacy, student meals and snacks, street outreach, a free produce market, and The HUB – an affordable fresh food option for small community meal programs and nonprofits. To support our meal services, we source fresh produce creatively and operate an environmentally responsible rescue program that captures wasted food from partnering restaurants, school cafeterias and businesses. Our holistic recipe for success is predicated on the belief that food is medicine and a basic human right, serving just any kind of food to people in need is unsatisfactory as well as costly to individuals and communities, and proper nutrition opens the door to opportunity.

About D'Amico Catering

Over the past 25 years, D'Amico Catering has earned and maintained a reputation as the region's premier caterer. They have orchestrated more than 70,000 events and, year after year and have been caterer-of-choice for the most significant cultural, corporate and philanthropic events in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

About the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities

The YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities is a leading nonprofit dedicated to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Established 164 years ago, the Ys provide life-strengthening services across the greater Twin Cities metro region, southeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin communities. The 29 Y locations and program sites, eight overnight camps, 10-day camps, and more than 90 child care sites engage more than 370,000 men, women and children of all ages, incomes and backgrounds. To learn more about the Y's mission and work, visit www.ymcamn.org .