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Grand Traverse Resort and Spa Donates Food During Coronavirus Pandemic

ACME, Mich., March 24, 2020 – In the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa is doing its part to make sure people don't go hungry. On March 16, the Resort announced the closure of its restaurants, bars, shops, and Health Club, following the Governor's executive order. With pantries and refrigerators full of food, and the future uncertain for many families, the Resort decided to donate its supply. "Everything went," says Food and Beverage Director Mickey Cannon. "We had nothing go to waste which was good." Cannon estimates around \$12,000 worth of food was donated. "Milk, eggs, cheese, all of our produce like fruits, veggies, even some meats we had," adds Cannon.

The food was donated to the four Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians tribal food pantries located in Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, and Charlevoix County, and Food Rescue of Northwest Michigan in Traverse City. "We were thrilled to receive a delivery by Food Rescue of all the food donated by the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. It really made a difference in feeding hungry people," says Val Stone, coordinator for Northwest Food Coalition.

Anything that the food banks could not take was handed out to Resort employees to help them and their families.

For information on Food Rescue of Northwest Michigan, [click here](#).

For information on the Grand Traverse Band Elders Program, [click here](#).

About Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

Nestled among the freshwater beaches and hardwood forests of Traverse City, MI, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa is miles away from ordinary. Featuring over 500 guest rooms and 86,500 square feet of meeting space, the 900-acre property is one of Michigan's premier resort destinations. The Resort is also home to three championship golf courses, the renowned Spa Grand Traverse, and *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence winner Aerie Restaurant & Lounge. Visit grandtraverseresort.com or call 800-236-1577 to learn more.