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Ramekins offering free pre-packaged meals

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Karin Rogers, of Sonoma's Best Hospitality Group, hands out meals prepared by Ramekins and meant to serve 4-6 people, at the Adele Harrison Middle School drive-through on Monday, Mar. 23. (Photo by Robbi Pengelly/Index-Tribune)

Beginning March 25, Ramekin's Catering Kitchen will have free pre-packaged meals available to community members for pickup curbside at the General's Daughter, 400 W. Spain St., weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meals will serve either 1-2 people or 4-6 people.

Sonoma's Best Hospitality Group, the collective of businesses and restaurants owned by Ken and Stacy Mattson, is providing the meals; the group has launched a series of service-related initiatives in the past week to help support the Sonoma community as it shelters in place to slow the onslaught of COVID-19 cases in the county.

Sonoma's Best company includes Cornerstone Sonoma, Cottage Inn & Spa, Ramekins Catering, Venue and Inn, Sonoma's Best Mercantile, Wine Shop & Guest Cottages and Harrow Cellars (at the former Ravenswood site).

Community members should remain in their vehicles and enter the driveway nearest Fourth Street West and West Spain. First come, first served.

Earlier this week, SBHG began partnering with Sonoma Valley Unified School District to provide free family meals to school families. This new initiative replaces that effort.

The meals are being prepared by the chefs at the Ramekins Catering Kitchen using food provisions that Sonoma's Best Hospitality Group has purchased from local restaurants in need of revenue sources and from local farmers in need of buyers.

SBHG's Director of Business Development Karin Rogers said that the collective plans to utilize the resources at its disposal and mobilize its catering and kitchen staff – chefs, kitchen, waitstaff, drivers, etc. – to meet the needs of the community.

Many restaurants and farmers have high quality ingredients that will need to be used in the coming days and weeks, and those provisions will be prioritized in order to help support local businesses and prevent unnecessary spoilage, according to Rogers.

Ramekins Catering is also joining a dozen or so other local restaurants and catering companies in offering a paid food delivery service, starting this week. The meals are available for purchase by anyone, but Ramekins will also be offering discounted senior meals. Orders will be taken online only at ramekins.com, via credit or debit card to avoid cash transactions. Delivery vans will be sterilized and free curbside pick-up at Ramekins, 450 W. Spain St., will be available.

Rogers said that strict hygiene protocols have been in place for several weeks now across all the businesses.



The kitchen team at Ramekins preparing meals for Sonoma Valley school families.



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At The General's Daughter
Monday - Friday
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Free meals for anyone who needs a little help.