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HOSPICAL WOLKERS

Up to 20,000 meals are planned to be distributed over a two-week period culminating with drops at select VA Hospitals throughout the U.S. caring for Covid-19 cases on Memorial Day, May 25.

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Marcum LLP, one of the largest independent accounting firms in the U.S., and the Marcum Foundation are partnering with BurgerFi, a national gourmet hamburger restaurant chain, to deliver up to 20,000 meals to hospital workers and first responders on the frontlines of COVID-19. The collaboration teams the award-winning Marcum Foundation with the award-winning burger concept, to feed healthcare heroes working at the heart of the pandemic in cities throughout the U.S.

The program will launch May 14 in New York City, the epicenter of our country's pandemic. Over 185,000 cases of COVID-19 have been identified in New York City

alone. The first delivery of BurgerFi meals will take place at Mount Sinai Hospital

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"The COVID-19 crisis has affected all communities throughout the country and abroad. Mount Sinai is proud to be the recipient of the first meal drop funded and organized by the Marcum Foundation and BurgerFi. The entire community of frontline healthcare professionals here at Mount Sinai is very thankful," said Dr. David Reich, President of The Mount Sinai Hospital and Mount Sinai Queens.

The Marcum Foundation provides critical assistance to those in need in Marcum communities, including hunger relief programs such as the annual Marcum Day of Service. BurgerFi was recently recognized by Consumer Reports and other public interest organizations as "Best Burger Joint" for its commitment to antibiotic-free beef – one of only two burger chains in the U.S. to make the list – and has already been active in feeding front line workers while their dining rooms remained closed.

"Marcum's partnership with BurgerFi is an expression of our deep gratitude and admiration for the extraordinary contributions of our nation's hospital workers and first responders to protect our families, neighbors and communities—often at great personal risk," said Marcum Chairman & CEO Jeffrey Weiner. "We are privileged to recognize them in this way and hope that these meals let them know how much they are appreciated. We applaud the sacrifices they are making on the country's behalf."

"The Marcum Foundation is specifically focused on service to the community, whether that is one local nonprofit or networks of people collaborating for a common goal. Supporting those on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic is our priority right now, and BurgerFi is an ideal partner to help us deliver much-needed respite to these healthcare heroes," said Shaun Blogg, chairman of the Marcum Foundation and Marcum's office managing partner in West Palm Beach, FL.

"BurgerFi and its franchisees have been doing what we can for the communities we serve during the COVID-19 crisis. Our industry and our workforce have suffered tremendously over the past two months and while protecting our team members

remains paramount, we have proudly distributed over 5000 meals to date to

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