



Meals program, hospital workers get \$25K gift

Last week we announced that [thanks to an anonymous donor](#) the chamber's [meals assistance program](#) that has been running in [Newton and Wellesley](#) is expanding to Needham.

That gift will purchase \$15,000 in meals from independent Needham restaurants to purchase which will be distributed to seniors in need through the the Needham Council on Aging.

The story gets better.

That same donor just contributed an additional \$25,000 to purchase meals from Needham restaurants to be delivered to Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Needham to feed those working on the frontlines.

“This gift exemplifies how those in the Newton-Needham Community come together to help one another during times of need,” said Samantha Sherman, BID's VP of Philanthropy,

“I am especially grateful to Jay Spencer of the French Press for facilitating this contribution and for all he does to support the local restaurant community,”

BID's front line staff have been treated to complementary restaurants meals since early in the pandemic. This winter Stacy Madison, of Stacy's Pita Chips and [BeBOLD Bars](#), lead an effort that's purchased 5,000 meals locally for these home town heroes.

This new \$25,000 anonymous gift ensures that the program can continue for several more months. [Go here](#) if you'd like to contribute to this program, click the “Direct My Gift To” button, select “Other”, and type “Lunch Program” in “Other” field.

That's it for today. Back tomorrow.

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