

'Fuccillo Feeds the Front Lines'

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Ronnie Mansour had one word to describe his exuberance of the successful "Fuccillo Feeds the Front Lines" promotion being held this month: "HUUUGE," bellowed the general manager of Fuccillo Chevrolet on Grand Island in his best Billy Fuccillo Sr. voice. His team delivered enough meals from the Brick Oven Pizzeria & Pub to feed more than 100 members of the Island's police and fire departments on June 18.

"This has been an absolutely amazing experience. It is emotional and it is personal," he added, while accepting "Thank you" from the firefighters. "This is something Billy Sr. and Jr. wanted to do to show our appreciation to those on the front lines during this COVID-19 pandemic while also helping out our local restaurants."

Grand Island Fire Department Vice President Sean O'Donnell said, "We could not be more thankful for this wonderful gesture by Fuccillo. Our members will be coming by all day to pick up these individually packaged meals. It is so gratifying to know our community and local businesses are behind us during these challenging times."

Last month, Tom Fogerty, general manager of Fuccillo Toyota and platform director of the company's three stores, received a call from Billy Jr., who has replaced his dad as the company president. Billy shared with Fogerty and the director of the Syracuse stores what they were doing in Florida to help those on the front line and asked if they could create a similar plan in the



Mount St. Mary's Hospital staff receiving their meals from Adrian's Custard and Beef. (Photo courtesy of Mount St. Mary's Hospital)

Western New York market.

Fogerty, who has been in the automobile business for 37 years and has been with Fuccillo for the past seven months, knows about the generosity of Western New Yorkers first-hand as a long-time board member for the Alzheimer's Association and one of the original members and active participant of the 11 Day Powerplay for Roswell Park.

"This is really what our business is all about and what the Fuccillos are about," Fogerty explained. "We are a people business and this is our way of saying 'Thank you' to some very important people in our community. At each of our visits, we thanked them for what they do every day while showing our appreciation for what they are doing during this COVID-19 pandemic. They have been putting their lives on the line during this entire time."

Fogerty and Mansour selected seven organizations to receive meals the company purchased from Brick Oven Pizzeria & Pub, Adrian's Custard and Beef and 773 North: the John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, Niagara County Sheriff's Office, Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Niagara Falls Police Department, Mount St. Mary's Hospital, the Grand Island Fire and Police departments and Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, which received its meals on Tuesday.

In all, Fuccillo purchased more than 1,600 meals.

"We have seen so much appreciation at every delivery we have made," Fogerty noted.

"This was such a generous donation from Fuccillo for our associates," Mount St. Mary's Hospital CJ Urlaub president said after receiving 450 meals on June 16.

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The mighty Maid of the Mist. (Image courtesy of Keenan Communications Group)

Maid of the Mist ready to launch 135th consecutive season

Since 1846 and continuously since 1885, Maid of the Mist vessels powered by steam and diesel engines have carried millions of passengers to the base of Niagara Falls for an iconic, up-close view of one of the wonders of the world.

The first days of the 2020 season will be no different, with the venerable Maid of the Mist VII providing round-trip tours to the falls. Later this season, two new all-electric, emission-free Maid of the Mist vessels are expected to be placed into service, marking the advent of a new era for one of North America's longest-running tourist attractions.

The James V. Glynn and Nikola Tesla are currently in the water, going through a rigorous U.S. Coast Guard approval process.

The 2020 season, which was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic, is scheduled to begin Friday, June 26, with reduced operating hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; departures will take place

every 30 minutes. "In order to provide safety for our associates and guests, all tours will operate at 50% capacity," said Maid of the Mist President Christopher M. Glynn. "Our team developed a Maid of the Mist density reduction plan, which is extensive in its approach to safety. The plan was submitted to and approved by the state."

The plan also includes:
 ✓ All visitors will be required to wear a face covering as a condition of admission.

✓ Only one party at a time will be permitted to approach each of the ticket booths. Hand sanitizer will be available for visitors as they arrive.

✓ Countertops and credit card keypads will be sanitized after each transaction.

✓ Elevators to and from the Observation Deck to the landing will operate at 50% capacity, limited to nine individuals at a time

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