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Mary's Pizza Shack

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MARY'S PIZZA SHACK JOINS PIZZA RESTAURANTS ACROSS THE NATION TO SLICE OUT HUNGER

Local Italian restaurant leads the fight to end hunger

Sonoma, CA – February 5, 2021 – Mary's Pizza Shack, the 4th-generation family-owned casual dining Italian restaurant, announced that they will join pizzerias in every state for a simultaneous pizza delivery to support those in need in honor of National Pizza Day (Tuesday, Feb 9), as part of the Pizza Across America campaign. Mary's Pizza Shack will be donating 40 pizzas total to the following organizations in their communities: North Marin Community Services in Novato, Una Vida in Petaluma, Davis Community Meals in Davis and CANV Food Bank in Napa.

Mary's Pizza Shack is excited to participate in this large-scale campaign, particularly at such a critical time for both small businesses and the growing hunger problem. "Helping out our local communities was my grandmother's top priority and we are proud to carry on her traditions," says Vince Albano, Mary's Grandson and CEO of Mary's Pizza Shack.

Pizza Across America co-founder Carmine Testa thinks this program is an important way for pizzerias, who depend on local customers, to give back and support their communities at the local level even at a time when restaurants are hurting. "Sure, small businesses are having a tough year but too many people are suffering more than we are. I like the idea of celebrating National Pizza Day by helping others rather than squandering it by celebrating ourselves," Testa said.

Pizzerias looking to participate can find more information at sliceouthunger.org.

About Mary's Pizza Shack

Mary's Pizza Shack, founded in 1959 by Mary Fazio, is famous for its homemade Italian comfort food at reasonable prices served from a caring, passionate, casual and fun atmosphere. From the first single "shack" opened over sixty years ago, Mary's Pizza Shack has grown to seventeen full-service casual Italian restaurants in Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Marin and Shasta Counties. Today, everything is still made from scratch using the original recipes from the original shack. Mary's Pizza Shack serves the same homemade pasta sauces, pizza, soups, salad dressings, and meatballs and carries on the same quality food, passion and traditions just like Mary did in 1959. Mary's Pizza Shack is a family-owned business operated by the third generation of Mary Fazio located in Sonoma, California.

About Slice Out Hunger

Slice Out Hunger is a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization that produces pizza-related events and campaigns to support American hunger relief and prevention measures. The organization has raised over \$1,000,000 to fund hunger relief efforts in the U.S. since 2009. Events and campaigns include [Slice Out Hunger's \\$1 Annual Pizza Party](#) to raise funds for hunger relief in NYC, [Pizza Across America](#) to assist homeless shelters in the cold winter months, and various emergency campaigns when sudden needs arise.

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