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DOORDASH PROVIDES \$500,000 CONTRIBUTION TO CONNECTICUT RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION'S NEW RESTAURANT RELIEF FUND

DoorDash's latest Main Street Strong effort will support restaurants as they continue to recover from the COVID-19 crisis

CONNECTICUT – Today, DoorDash and the Connecticut Restaurant Association (CRA) announced that DoorDash is contributing \$500,000 to the CRA's Connecticut Restaurant Relief Fund as part of a new partnership between the organizations. The contribution is part of DoorDash's \$200 million, 5-year [Main Street Strong Pledge](#), which includes a \$10 million grant program to help restaurants in select cities across the United States and Canada. The partnership between DoorDash and the CRA will enhance the lines of communication between restaurants and DoorDash, as well as allow DoorDash to share updates on products and services available to help restaurants grow sales and meet new customers.

"In the midst of historically challenging times for local restaurants, DoorDash's contribution to the Connecticut Restaurant Relief Fund will provide much needed financial support for local businesses throughout our state," said Executive Director Scott Dolch of the Connecticut Restaurant Association. "Throughout the pandemic, restaurants have worked tirelessly to stay in business while keeping their customers and staff safe. We look forward to growing this fund, so we can help even more restaurants as they fight every day to survive this pandemic, so they can be part of our economic recovery in the months and years ahead."

"DoorDash was founded with the mission of empowering local economies and the success of restaurants is core to that goal," said Katie Witman, Senior Policy Advisor, DoorDash. "The past year has created unprecedented challenges and it is more important than ever to support Connecticut restaurants as they continue to navigate this crisis."

"The State of Connecticut has worked with local restaurants and other small businesses throughout the pandemic, including utilizing federal CARES Act funding to get grants directly to businesses in need through our Department of Economic and Community Development and Office of Policy and Management," said Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont. "DoorDash has been a partner with our state since early in the pandemic, working with our agencies and communities to help provide meals for those who needed them. Our small businesses, especially our restaurants, are part of the fabric of our communities and I'm thrilled to see this corporate partner provide this new aid."

The purpose of the CT Restaurant Relief Fund is to provide restaurants who have faced significant financial hardship the opportunity to apply for a grant to help keep their business open and their workers employed. Pending the review of the Foundation and verification that the submitted application meets the prescribed guidelines, a one-time grant of up to \$5,000 will be disbursed directly to each recipient. Availability of awards will be based on available funds and will be limited to one per restaurant group.

All Connecticut restaurants who are looking to apply can go to www.ctrestaurantrelief.org and submit their application on Monday, January 25.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, DoorDash has taken significant active steps to ensure the safety of our entire community, including:

- Main Street Strong Pledge committing \$200M over five years to support restaurants, Dashers, and the broader community
- Providing \$120 million in commission relief and marketing investments
- 50% reduction in commissions for mom-and-pop restaurants, plus 0% commissions for pickup and 0% commissions for restaurants new to DoorDash
- Free personal safety equipment for Dashers, including hand sanitizer, gloves, wipes, and masks
- Two weeks of earnings for eligible Dashers affected by COVID-19
- COVID-19 screenings and telemedicine appointments for just \$4 per visit

Read more about DoorDash's efforts to help restaurants through our Main Street Strong Pledge, click [here](#).

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About DoorDash

DoorDash is a technology company that connects customers with their favorite local and national businesses in more than 4,000 cities and all 50 states across the United States, Canada and Australia. Founded in 2013, DoorDash empowers merchants to grow their businesses by offering on-demand delivery, data-driven insights, and better in-store efficiency, providing delightful experiences from door to door. By building the last-mile delivery infrastructure for local cities, DoorDash is bringing communities closer, one doorstep at a time. Read more on the DoorDash blog or at www.doordash.com.

About Connecticut Restaurant Association

The Connecticut Restaurant Association is a full service, not-for-profit trade association dedicated to supporting every type and size of restaurant. We are advocates for the Connecticut restaurant industry, a hub for information and a platform for networking. We commit ourselves to offering cost effective benefits and resources you need to run a profitable business. The industry plays an integral role in Connecticut's economy employing more than 160,000 foodservice workers and generating nearly \$9 billion in annual sales. Along with the Connecticut Hospitality Educational Foundation (CHEF), the Association protects, advances, and educates the growing industry. Learn more at www.ctrestaurant.org.

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