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**World Central Kitchen Partnership**

In the wake of the unprecedented emergency impacting our country due to COVID-19, The City of Mount Rainier, Sardis Pollo a la Brasa, Prince George's County Latino Advisory Board and Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks are partnering with World Central Kitchen to deliver five hundred hot meals daily to Mount Rainier residents in need. The meals will be delivered Monday through Friday. Initially, the partnership began as a one-week pilot program on April 7<sup>th</sup>, during this time 2,500 meals were served to Mount Rainier residents. Today we are proud to announce the partnership has been extended for the duration of the pandemic.

"It is in the most difficult times that people rise to the occasion by working together to help others overcome the challenges they faced and this is what this partnership is all about, working together to provide meals to our seniors as well as low-income families. This is what community is all about. This is Mount Rainier. And for this we are grateful" said Councilmember Celina Benitez

Founded in 2010 by Chef José Andrés, World Central Kitchen (WCK) uses the power of food to heal and strengthen communities through times of crisis and beyond. WCK has transformed the field of disaster response to help devastated communities recover and establish resilient food systems. Since its founding, WCK has served more than 16 million meals to those impacted by natural disasters and other crises around the world.

According to their website, "World Central Kitchen is a team of food first responders, mobilizing with the urgency of now to get meals to those who need them most. We're activating hundreds of restaurants and kitchens to feed marginalized and vulnerable communities and our brave medical professionals on the front lines, to make a meaningful impact in the fight to keep everyone fed, and to support the distressed restaurant industry. We know that a nourishing meal in a time of crisis is so much more than a plate of food—it's hope, it's dignity, it's a sign that someone cares about you and that you are not alone."

For more information about the partners and their work, please visit their respective websites.

City of Mount Rainier: [www.mountrainiermd.org](http://www.mountrainiermd.org)

Prince George's County Executive: [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/767/County-Executive](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/767/County-Executive)

Sardis Pollo la Brasa: [www.sardischicken.com/](http://www.sardischicken.com/)

World Central Kitchen: [www.wck.org/](http://www.wck.org/)