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## **Great Lakes Wine & Spirits commits to spending \$250,000 with Michigan restaurants**

*Money will be used to purchase meals for GLWAS employees*

HIGHLAND PARK, Mich. — **Great Lakes Wine & Spirits** today announced it will begin working with local restaurants to provide meals to its employees and their families.

"In these incredibly difficult and unprecedented times we wanted to find a way to support the restaurant community, which is taking the largest immediate hit to its business by being shut down or limited to carry out only," said **Lewis Cooper III**, co-CEO of GLWAS. "The governor's order to close all sit-down restaurants is needed to keep us all safe, but that doesn't make it any easier for the businessowners or their employees."

GLWAS will begin coordinating with restaurants around the state to have them put together meals that can be sent home with employees after their shifts. The goal is to send two meals a week home with employees.

"We feel it's important to show our support to our hardworking employees who are dealing with many issues at home, including educating children and caring for loved ones" said **Syd Ross**, co-CEO of GLWAS. "We have also been working closely with our union locals and our employees to continue to adapt our work routines and practices to create social distancing while ensuring our retail customers are stocked with wine and spirits."

The restaurant community has played a key role in fueling Detroit's comeback over the last five years. By purchasing meals at Detroit restaurants, and restaurants across the state, GLWAS hopes to keep that momentum going.

"We should be able to support our local restaurants and help our employees all while encouraging the proper habits our health care system is requiring at this time to hold back the spread of COVID-19," said Cooper.

  
Lewis Cooper III

  
Sydney Ross

*Great Lakes Wine & Spirits is Michigan's largest wine and liquor distributor. With more than 800 employees and facilities across the state, GLWAS services nearly 17,000 accounts in all 83 Michigan counties on both peninsulas. For more information, please visit [www.GLWAS.com](http://www.GLWAS.com).*