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Members of a partnership between Marcum Foundation and BurgerFi get ready to deliver meals to front-line workers

## Marcum Foundation, BurgerFi partner to feed healthcare workers

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A Marcum-BurgerFi “healthcare heroes program” wrapped up this week, providing nearly 20,000 meals to COVID-19 frontline workers at more than 60 hospitals in 14 states – all within 17 days.

The initiative stemmed from the Marcum Foundation, the charitable giving arm of Marcum, the national accounting firm with an office in Melville. Wanting to thank healthcare workers with a hot meal, Marcum aligned with BurgerFi, the restaurant group, whose footprint across the nation is similar to Marcum.

Wrapping up the program on Thursday, the final meal delivery included staff and residents to Eden II programs, which serves people with autism at residential facilities on Long Island and Staten Island.

“It was an easy decision to include Eden II in our healthcare heroes program,” Shaun Blogg, chairman of the Marcum Foundation and West Palm Beach office managing partner at Marcum, said in a statement.

“COVID-19 has been a true hardship for everyone in group residential communities of all kinds, as the quarantine prevented families from visiting for weeks and new health protocols put extra stress on staff and residents alike. It was a great joy to be able to put smiles on everyone’s faces,” he added.

“We’re so grateful for our healthcare heroes who’ve been working tirelessly to protect our communities throughout COVID-19,” Kevin Cooper, BurgerFi director of leadership and development, and project manager for the collaboration, said in a statement.

“The pandemic has challenged us in so many ways, but it has absolutely showed us the strength and dedication of our front-line workers,” he added.

“We are deeply appreciative of Marcum and BurgerFi’s willingness to treat our staff and residents to these amazing burger meals,” Eden II’s executive director, Dr. Joanne Gerenser. “It was a genuine bright spot for everyone, and we greatly appreciate the kindness.”

“When I saw the Marcum Foundation in my local BurgerFi donating meals to frontline workers, I immediately thought of all the hardworking staff from my son’s group home,” said Lauren Baker-Anderson, whose son Evan is in the Eden II program.

“It made me so happy to hear Marcum and BurgerFi were donating food for all of Eden II’s incredible group home staff and participants,” she added. “My son loves BurgerFi, and I know it made his day.” Evan’s mom.