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DuPont Partners with Sodexo on Meal Donation Program

Prepared meals address local food insecurity during pandemic

In late May, DuPont (NYSE: DD) began partnering with food service vendor Sodexo to donate thousands of “to-go” meals to vulnerable communities in Wilmington impacted by COVID-19.

DuPont contracts with Sodexo to operate two employee cafeterias at its sites in Wilmington. However, in mid-March, the cafeterias were temporarily closed due to COVID-19, and Sodexo employees were furloughed. Recognizing the financial burden this would have on the vendor, a small team of DuPont employees designed a creative, multi-faceted solution to keep food service workers employed while helping at-risk communities.

“During these challenging times, it’s so important to create opportunities to help our impacted neighbors in the community we call home,” said Jay Valvo, DuPont vice president of DuPont Facility Services and Real Estate. “I’m very proud of the DuPont and Sodexo teams that partnered on this short-term project that helps ease multiple burdens at once.”

For the first six weeks, DuPont and Sodexo provided “to-go” meals for two local nonprofit organizations — [Friendship House](#) and [Reach Riverside](#). Then, as community needs shifted, recipients changed to [St. Patrick’s Center](#) and Reach Riverside. The project started in late May when Sodexo employees returned to the DuPont Chestnut Run Plaza site to prepare, pack and deliver breakfast bags each day to Friendship House (and then, to St. Patrick’s Center). The team also began providing daily lunch bags, on alternate weeks, to Reach Riverside’s elderly community. The project, funded by DuPont and expected to continue into early October, will help reduce operating costs for the nonprofit organizations which were impacted financially by the pandemic, while at the same time the need for their services is growing.

“It’s been a big relief to get back to work and do what we’re meant to do, which is feed people,” said Sodexo Chef Michael Mao. “It’s even more fulfilling to be able to provide for some of our most vulnerable populations within our local community during these difficult times. A lot of credit to DuPont for starting this admirable initiative.”

“The disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on low-income and underserved communities has created enormous burden for families, both locally and around the world,” said Patrick McCrummen, DuPont global community impact leader. “Creating unique partnerships with our suppliers and local non-profits is one way DuPont is helping Wilmington residents cope with the day-to-day struggles during this extraordinary time.”

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