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Helping the helpers & putting a smile on people's faces.

CONCORD, Calif., July 1, 2020— Frontline Foods will recognize the service that the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano continues to provide during COVID-19, by providing a delicious lunch to their frontline staff on Wednesday, July 1st at 11:00am. A favorite local restaurant, Concord Tap House, will graciously prepare 90 meals to be delivered by volunteer drivers, Concord Mayor Tim McGallian, Vice Mayor Dominic Aliano and Concord Tap House owners, Keith and Cathy Burks and Co-Owner Tony Fredericks.

The work is the reward for Anna Gorman, Child Programs and Extra Helpings Administrator who shared “I get to leave work every day and think, “Well, that mattered.” I have gotten to know many of our clients, and when they tell me how much the food we give them makes a difference in their lives, or how excited they are about the new produce I picked for the month, it’s the best feeling!”

Frontline Foods knows that Food Bank staff have been working even harder to feed the community, and appreciate the added energy and passion that each of you bring to help others in need. "Sometimes the helpers even need help." Says Kim Castaneda, Development Director for the Food Bank.

For 45 years, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano has been a critical resource for people in need, but we can’t do any of it without everyday heroes like Nick Clark, our Community Produce Program Administrator “People are sincerely grateful for the produce they get through the Community Produce Program. We have seen more need, and we are working hard to meet it. There is so much gratitude; I hear “thank you” a hundred times a day!”

About Frontline Foods Frontline Foods is a grassroots organization that takes action during crises to provide food from local restaurants to frontline workers and impacted communities. The program helps restaurants keep their kitchens open and workers employed to prepare meals, while showing frontline workers, responders, and impacted communities that we appreciate and support them. Frontline Foods started organically in multiple cities across the country in March 2020. Within weeks, it grew into a national movement, powered by a grassroots network of hundreds of volunteers and thousands of donors across dozens of chapters (and growing).

About Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano provides free food in a dignified manner to neighbors in need. While educating the public about current resources, they also empower citizens and influence policy makers to take the steps needed to end hunger.

About Concord Tap House Concord Tap House is a gathering place for the community in Midtown Concord. They have created a fun, casual and comfortable space for you to relax and enjoy a selection of craft beer, wine, and some delicious food to go with them.