

# Vineland business group spending \$30K on meals to hospitals

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VINELAND – Pizza was on the menu Tuesday for staff at Inspira Health Network hospitals in Vineland, Bridgeton, and Elmer courtesy of an organization of 50 local businesses.

For two weeks, the CEO Group has been sending meals to the three facilities to boost morale as medical professionals deal with the coronavirus epidemic.

Executive Director Louis Magazzu said members were unable to meet in April as usual, so they decided to create a \$30,000 fund to pay for the meal deliveries for a month.

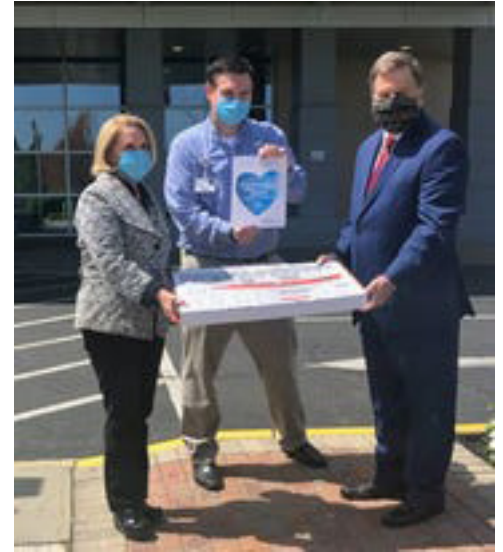
“CEO Group members wanted to demonstrate their appreciation to these medical heroes who are serving on the front line in this pandemic,” Magazzu said.

Magazzu said the money came from the organization's operating account as well as dedicated pledges. Fifty of the largest businesses in Cumberland County are members of the CEO Group.

CEO Group members took part Tuesday in delivering food from Manny and Vic's Pizzeria-Restaurant.

Area restaurants have cut their prices to allow more meals to be delivered to doctors, nurses, and other staff members. Besides Manny and Vic's, participants include Bagel University, Carmelo's, Elmer Diner, Eric's Deli, Joe's Chicken, Larry's II, Luigi's, and Merighi's Savoy.

Magazzu said he hopes that other local groups join the meal program if it needs to continue beyond one month.



The CEO Group on Tuesday made its latest food deliveries to Inspira Health Network hospitals in Vineland, Bridgeton, and Elmer. Left to right: Elizabeth Sheridan, chief operating officer of Inspira Medical Centers Vineland and Elmer; Nick Sena, interim chief development officer, Inspira Health Foundation; and Lou Magazzu, executive director of the CEO Group. (Photo: Inspira Health Network)