

USA #HOSPITALITYSTRONG RELIEF FUNDRAISER



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DONATE TO SUPPORT USA'S HOSPITALITY WORKERS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Anthony Melchiorri in association with Skål USA/ Skål New York/ Skål Long Island has created the **USA #HospitalityStrong** online fundraiser campaign which seeks to promote a thriving hospitality industry with the goal of supporting the affected hospitality workforce through this unprecedented crisis. It is important to note that the hospitality industry is the #1 employer in the USA second only to government held positions. We are asking you for your support considering the profound impact that COVID-19 has had on a domestic hospitality industry that traditionally employs over 15 million workers nationwide.

All of the funds raised by this [GoFundMe drive](#) will be distributed to hospitality workers that have served our communities and have been essential to the foundation of the United States, whether working in hotels, restaurants, catering facilities, or one of many other hospitality related organizations that are a bedrock of the USA economy.

These hard-working and passionate hospitality professionals were amongst the first to be adversely impacted by the Corona crisis. They need your help to provide for themselves and their families.

Please donate whatever you can. No amount is too small. 100% of funds raised will be directed to hospitality workers throughout the USA impacted by COVID-19.

* For those that are reading this and feel that they qualify for funds raised by Anthony Melchiorri in association with Skål USA/ Skål New York/ Skål Long Island for this fundraising drive, please go to [Hospitality Fund application](#) to submit your request for consideration.



Now is the time to
take care of the people
that have taken care of
us when we travel..."

— ANTHONY MELCHIORRI —



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Funds will be distributed to applicants that meet the following criteria (at time of application):

- 1- Applicants have worked in a USA based hospitality organization for at least the previous 12 consecutive months leading up to the COVID-19 pandemic (March 1, 2019 thru February 29, 2020 or later);
- 2- Applicants earned \$45,000 or less annually (salary, hourly wage and/or gratuities combined);
- 3- Applicants worked 30 hours per week or more (for at least 40 of the last 52 weeks worked);
- 4- Applicants provide proof of furlough or termination (on or after March 1, 2020);
- 5- Applicants are currently either furloughed or unemployed.

If applicant does not have formal documentation of proof for any of the above criteria, applicant may instead provide a contact at the company they worked for so that eligibility may be verified

Note:

** Funds to be distributed to those meeting criteria in dollar increments to be determined by Anthony Melchiorri in association with Skål USA/ Skål New York and Skål Long Island based on total monies raised, and distributed on a 'first-come, first-served basis'.*

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