



## An overview of MINNESOTA CENTRAL KITCHEN

**Minnesota Central Kitchen brings together restaurants, caterers and hunger-fighting organizations to address food insecurity and job losses brought on by the coronavirus.**

Empowering our state's hospitality professionals to keep working at what they do best—feeding hungry people—despite restaurant closures, the initiative also responds to the growing need for food assistance in the state.

The effort is led by [Second Harvest Heartland](#), core partners [Chowgirls Catering](#) and [Loaves & Fishes](#) and a growing coalition of restaurants and food service providers including [The Bachelor Farmer](#), [Restaurant Alma](#), and [Compass Group](#). Powered by partners' kitchen space, staff, supplies, and expertise, Minnesota Central Kitchen will prepare and distribute up to 10,000 takeout meals per day for hungry Minnesotans. Takeout meals are distributed daily at the 30+ Loaves & Fishes dining sites.



“ In this time of uncertainty, **the basic human need of being fed has come to the forefront of this crisis.** Chowgirls is honored to partner with Second Harvest Heartland to turn our space into Minnesota Central Kitchen. We will be reaching out to our food and hospitality industry friends to help us donate food, volunteers to help prepare meals and use their talents to feed our community. ***I have been amazed with the outpour of support already and feel privileged to be a part of this amazing effort.*** ”

— LIZ MULLEN | Executive Chef, Chowgirls Catering



## We've got big goals



### EMPLOY

30 people per day per site



### CREATE

up to 200 hourly positions



### DISTRIBUTE

up to 10,000 meals per day



### RAISE

\$5M to sustain initiative

## Want to help us get there?

- Food service professionals interested in lending time and talent to Minnesota Central Kitchen are encouraged to email [VOLUNTEER@CHOWGIRLS.NET](mailto:VOLUNTEER@CHOWGIRLS.NET).
- Commercial kitchens with food to donate can submit information via [MEALCONNECT.ORG](http://MEALCONNECT.ORG) or email Dianne Wortz at [DWORTZ@2HARVEST.ORG](mailto:DWORTZ@2HARVEST.ORG) with questions.
- Non-food items – like cleaning supplies, gloves and thermometers to regularly check kitchen staff's temperatures – can be coordinated by emailing [DONATION@CHOWGIRLS.NET](mailto:DONATION@CHOWGIRLS.NET).
- Restaurants and businesses interested in becoming a kitchen partner site can email Emily Paul, executive director of Minnesota Central Kitchen, at [EPAUL@2HARVEST.ORG](mailto:EPAUL@2HARVEST.ORG).
- Anyone who is able to donate financially can do so by visiting [2HARVEST.ORG/MCK](http://2HARVEST.ORG/MCK) or email Dana Nelson at [DNELSON@2HARVEST.ORG](mailto:DNELSON@2HARVEST.ORG) regarding a contribution..

## Powered by a host of committed partners

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