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**MCFARLING FOODS SALUTES LOCAL FRONTLINE HEROES**  
***Food Drop Friday kicks off on Friday, April 3, 2020***  
***Additional programs put in place to help those in need***

To salute local frontline heroes during the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, locally owned McFarling Foods is proud to pay a special tribute to these heroes with their new program: **Food Drop Friday**. The first food drop will take place on Friday, **April 3, 2020 at IU Health North Hospital in Carmel**, 11700 N. Meridian Street, at 10:30 a.m. and will honor hospital emergency room workers.

Each Friday Food Drop McFarling Foods will partner with one of their local restaurant clients. The first food drop will feature food favorites from **Rachel's Hi-Way Café**.

"As a local business, we are thrilled to kick off Food Drop Friday. It's a way for us to say thanks to these incredible people doing the frontline work," says Jason Acquisto, Marketing Manager at McFarling Foods. "It's a small way we can give back to Indy heroes and our community."

In addition to Food Drop Friday, McFarling Foods stepped up in other ways to help the community with the following projects:

- In partnership with 317 Burger (a customer of McFarling Foods) graciously donated 500 lunches to feed 100 families through Faith Hope and Love Inc. food pantry.
- Donated \$2,000 in ready to eat food products, customized for the needs of local youth organization Groundwork Indy
- Preparation and delivery of food products (specially proteins) for Indianapolis homebound via Second Helpings

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- Ongoing exploration of specific opportunities to meet needs of local Hispanic community in partnership with Radio Latina WEDJ-FM-107.1
- Produce, donate and deliver large vinyl banners and yard signs for McFarling Foods local restaurant customers to promote their shift to takeout business.

“We’re proud of our employees and their commitment to helping those in need,” says Acquisto. “There’s a joyous spirit when your actions bring smiles to people going through a rough time.”

*McFarling Foods, locally owned and operated since 1948, is a full-service broadline food distributor located in Indianapolis serving Central Indiana restaurants and community organizations. McFarling Foods offers their clients the freshest ingredients necessary to remain and become successful in the food service industry.*

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