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From nourishing hand salves for first responders and electric scooters to accelerate food delivery from local restaurants, these Valley businesses are donating their goods to those who need it most.



Tempe-based Phat Scooter, a local manufacturer of electric scooters, has donated 10 PHLEET Delivery Ebikes to local restaurants during the COVID-19 shutdown (equally a donation of more than \$30,000). Now that restaurants are turning to take-out and delivery options to keep their businesses afloat, the Ebikes increase delivery times by eliminating parking issues and minimizing traffic delays. The electric Ebikes can use bike lanes and provide faster delivery than a bike. VIG Arcadia, Chestnut Fine Foods & Provision, Postino Winecafe and Majerle's Grill are among the restaurants that received PHLEET Delivery Ebikes.



Though frequent hand-washing and sanitizing is necessary at these—and all—times to help prevent illness, the act can lead to extremely dry skin. To help ease this pain and irritation for Valley first responders and medical teams at several Valley hospitals, Queen Creek Olive Mill is donating

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the hand salve from its Olivespa collection to local first responders and healthcare providers at several Valley hospitals. The hand salve is made with pure essential oils and clean ingredients to protect and nourish dry, exacerbated skin and heal cuts.



When the Chandler Chamber Ostrich Festival, slated to take place March 13 to March 15, had to be postponed at the last minute, it didn't just leave disappointed festival-goers. Many of the food vendors who planned to participate had already purchased and prepared food for the festival. In an effort to put that food to good use, many of the food vendors--including Piggly's BBQ, Flaco's, Hebros Kitchen, Action Foods, Giovannis Concessions and Suck It Up--turned their disappointment and loss into blessings for others by donating their food to two food banks around the Valley. The first round of donations went to Azcend Community food bank in Chandler where the thousands of pounds of food was turned into 2,317 meals for people in need. The second round went to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, totaling 2,000 pounds of fresh food.



<u>Hopdoddy Burger Bar</u> has launched a Pay It Forward campaign: For every burger purchased, Hopdoddy will donate one burger to healthcare professionals who are working diligently to fight the novel COVID-19 virus. The burger and beer joint hopes to donate nearly 5,000 burgers across all markets throughout the campaign. Want to take part? _______"Buy1Give1"______

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Scottsdale contemporary abstract artist Niki Woehler is donating a commissioned artwork worth up to \$10,300 as a raffle item for supporters of locally-owned establishments in the Valley. Anyone can enter the raffle by simply spending \$30 or more on take-out, delivery or gift card at any Phoenix-area locally-owned restaurants. To enter, participants must email a copy of their receipt and their contact information to theartoftogo@nikiwoehler.com. (This offer does not include franchises or national chain restaurants.) The winner will be announced on June 11, 2020 which is the annual National Making Life Beautiful Day. The winning recipient must redeem their prize certificate by Jan. 1, 2021. Once the winner is personally contacted, Woehler will set up an in-person appointment to discover the vision for the commissioned piece. The winner can also choose if they would prefer their painting to be on canvas or resin. The maximum size the artwork can be is 48-inches by 72-inches. After the appointment, the winner can expect their personalized painting to be delivered to their home between four to six weeks. Value of the piece will depend on the size and style of the artwork.



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Tropical Smoothie Cafe recently announced its goal to donate 100,000 smoothies nationwide to local healthcare workers and first responders as part of its #InItTogether campaign to help support those on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. To reach the goal of 100,000 smoothies, each cafe has been challenged to donate at least 100 smoothies. In the first days of the campaign, several franchisees jumped on board to donate more than 600 smoothies each. As of March 27, Tropical Smoothie Cafe has delivered approximately 20,000 smoothies across over 20 states and over 30 markets. The brand's focus has been on supporting all local communities, the same communities where our franchisee owners and the cafe employees live and work. Consumers can follow the #InItTogether campaign by visiting Tropical Smoothie Cafe on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.



Huss Brewing Co. is proud to announce that it will be selecting 50 people per day to receive a free six-pack of their Citrus Path Hazy IPA as part of its Let H(us)s Serve You campaign. Employees of hotels, restaurants, and bars; doctors, nurses and medical professionals; and designated first responders are encouraged to visit www.hussbrewing.com and click on the Free Beer tab to submit their form. The Huss team will randomly select 50 people per day over the next two weeks and email them a gift card to redeem their complimentary six-pack at one of the Huss taproom locations. Huss called upon the Arizona Craft Brewers Guild Foundation to serve as their charitable partner in order to provide the beer to those going to great lengths to assist, and those hit hardest. Winners must show valid ID to redeem and must be 21 years or older.



SanTan Brewing Company announced a partnership with Crescent Crown Distributing to recycle more than 16,000 gallons of draft beer that will not be delivered to Arizona bars and restaurants. The beer will instead be distilled to produce 400 gallons of medical grade hand sanitizer. The majority of which will be donated to HonorHealth, and the City of Chandler. Plus, the community will be able to purchase bottles of hand sanitizer when they order food from SanTan's brewpubs for takeout, curbside pick up or delivery. SanTan Brewing Company will post on it's website and social media channels as soon as SanTanitizer is available for public purchase.

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With 21 location in the Valley, locally owned Fired Pie recently launched an initiative to say thank you to healthcare workers around the Valley through donating large catering packages to hospitals. This includes hospitals like Valley Wise Health, Phoenix Children's Hospital and Mayo Clinic.

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