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## SCRAPPY MEALS: Free Meals From Local Chefs For Those in Need Due to COVID-19

Columbia, MO – Local Chefs present Scrappy Meals, taking place at 220 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Columbia MO 65201 on Monday April 20, 2020 from 2pm-4pm, and featuring meals contributed by Pasta La Fata, Ozark Mountain Biscuit Co., Pizza Tree, Café Berlin, Beet Box, Fiddle and Stone Bread Co. and Scott's Baked Goods.

Pasta La Fata and Ozark Mountain Biscuit Co. are proud to host the second Scrappy Meals benefit. Scrappy Meals will offer a free meal to anyone who is in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Two meal options will be available at this event, a Family Style Heat at Home Meal as well as a Single Serving Hot Meal.

"During the first Scrappy Meals event we witnessed the true extent of the need in our community. Based on that experience we decided to host a second event offering a Family Meal to take and heat at home in addition to a single serving hot dish for individuals who don't have access to a kitchen," said Bryan Maness owner of Ozark Mountain Biscuit Co.

"There is a growing need for access to healthy food in our community, and the CoViD-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the issue. However, the generosity and compassion I've seen from my friends and neighbors shows me that our community has never been stronger," said Michelle La Fata of Pasta La Fata.

The meals will be available for pick up starting at 2pm-4pm in the parking lot of Café Berlin at 220 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St. while they last. One meal per family, or one hot dish per person please. Social Distancing rules apply, and folks are welcome to drive up or walk up as long as they are keeping 6 feet away from others. Over 150 meals will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. If demand is high, we hope to host follow up events throughout this crisis.

The meals are free, but donations are being accepted and all proceeds will benefit continued events or "The Homies" a Service Industry Employee Relief Fund. http://www.everyeventgives.com/events/thehomies