

War Against COVID-19.

Keep Our Frontline Fighters Strong and Addressing the Needs of the Community

What UA3 is Doing to Show We Care – April 22, 2020

It has been 52 days since COVID-19 was first confirmed on March 1st in New York City. From that day, our first responders - the fire fighters and EMS medics - have been working non-stop to respond to drastic increases and exponential demand in calls for help and cries to save lives. During its peak, on March 30th, there were more than 6,500 calls to 911 over a 24-hour period in New York City.

UA3 wants to make sure that efforts of these first responders who fight so valiantly and heroically to keep us safe, are not forgotten. On Monday, 4/20/20, in coordination with the FDNY Phoenix Society and Captain Man Wai Law, Mr. Chi Loek and Mr. Jasper Diaz from UA3 delivered hot lunches, and Mr. Roger Ho and Chairman Dino Luzzi of IFBC company also delivered cases of Dino Luzzi Energy drinks to FDNY EMS Station 44 in Brooklyn as a token of gratitude.

On that same afternoon, Mr. Loek and Mr. Diaz proceeded to go to the newly opened Chung Pak / UA3 Food Bank, where truckloads of fresh fruit, produce, baked goods, and groceries donated by



Trader Joe's were delivered, to help with packing and bagging of the groceries. This is only food bank in Chinatown now serving lower Manhattan and this service couldn't have come to the aid of this community in a better or more critical time. During this COVID-19 crisis, seniors and other vulnerable residents are struggling to get food not only due to economic hardships, but also because most stores in this area are closed and few that are opened have long lines and higher prices. During its first opening day, among those from the community, including President of Grand Street Guild and her son (as shown at the left), many seniors and home attendants from Chung Pak Senior Housing were able to receive fresh groceries. Ms. Gigi Li from Councilmember Margaret Chin's office also enlisted the help





of her husband to deliver groceries to various tenement buildings on Mott and Pell Streets. Chinatown Partnership LDC also mobilized volunteers to help. In addition to bringing much needed relief, this food bank will also serve as a conduit for communication, as important helpful information including available assistance and financial aid programs will be disseminated also in Chinese - as many seniors and new immigrants from this community are not English proficient. The first task in publicizing such critical need is to include in each bag of groceries, a flyer urging inclusion and

participation in the 2020 census count. As Ms. Liz OuYang, a coordinator of New York Count 2020, who is actively seeking to ensure a fair and accurate census count, said: "Thank you Chi and UA3. You accomplished very important things today – feeding the hungry and securing basic programs to protect them for the next ten years – a very productive day indeed." She also noted that today, Chinatown Manhattan and Brooklyn's response rate on the census are low compared to other parts of the city.

The next time this food bank is scheduled to open is this Thursday, 4/23/20, where more than 500 bags of groceries are expected to be distributed to the public. To avoid long lines and social distancing problems, distribution will be coordinated through Councilwoman Margaret Chin's office where groceries will be brought to various buildings in the area for local distribution. To support this operation, the Board of UA3 has committed to hire two part-time drivers/helpers to support the transport and processing of food distribution. UA3 expects to support this effort for at least the next two months and hopes that funds raised through its GoFundMe effort will be able to offset further ongoing expenses.

In addition to its ongoing partners and collaborators, UA3 wishes to thank all who had generously donated through the UA3 Charity-GoFundMe site, as well as to thank and acknowledge the following donors: Trader Joe's; IFBC Company for Dino Luzzi Energy Drinks; iFresh, Inc. for grocery bags; Sherman Eng, President of Chung Pak for 2000 surgical masks, sanitizers and alcohol sprays; and to Andrew Yuk Sing Yu for N95 masks and goggles. UA3 also would like to thank Pastor William Jones and volunteers from Manor Community Church; Wellington Chen, from Chinatown Partnership LDC, and volunteers from Chung Pak. Further, a big shout-out to Don Hong, Chi Loek and Jasper Diaz who have been working extremely hard at all fronts to enlist support and to personally making it all happen.

UA3, a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) organization, whose mission is to serve the community, is honored to be able to join forces with many caring New Yorkers and organizations to contribute in any way possible to support our frontline fighters and now with new partnerships, to also bring food and assistance to the underserved in the community.



UA3 urges all members of the community to help, and anyone wishing to support this effort can scan the QR Code to the UA3 Charity-GoFundMe site to the left in order to donate.

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