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The Breakfast Republic location in Mission Valley is serving free prepped meals to laid-off workers affected by the pandemic. Meals will be served between 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily at the Rise & Shine Hospitality Group-owned restaurant at 1570 Camino de la Reina.

RESTAURANTS KEEP SPIRITS BRIGHT WITH FUNDRAISERS FOR WORKERS

Eateries selling pandemic-themed pizza, Italian pastries, burgers and donating meals during the holiday season

BY PAM KRAGEN

San Diego restaurant owners were dealt a serious blow last week when a new COVID-19 health order shut down all on-site dining. To raise money for the thousands of employees laid off just before Christmas, several restaurateurs have launched fundraising specials and meal donation programs. Here are several:

Rise & Shine Hospitality Group, which runs the Breakfast Republic chain and five other local restaurant concepts, is donating free prepared take-away meals to laid-off workers from any industry impacted by the shutdown. This is the second time this year company founder Johan Engman has offered the program, which last spring gave away nearly 6,500 meals valued at more than \$52,000 over a three-month period. He relaunched the program
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this past week after he was forced to lay off more than 400 workers. Meals will be served between 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily at the company's Breakfast Republic location at 1570 Camino de la Reina in Mission Valley. Visit riseandshine.org.com

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