



#ChefsForAmerica

World Central Kitchen – founded in 2010 by chef and humanitarian José Andrés – uses the power of food to strengthen communities in times of crisis and beyond. Since its founding, [WCK has served more than 15 million meals](#).

Ever since Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico in 2017, José’s vision has led WCK to transform the field of disaster response while also helping communities recover and establish resilient food systems.

WCK has scaled a model that for the past three years has worked in locations across the world including Albania, Australia, Bahamas, California, Colombia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Mexico, Mozambique, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

COVID-19 activation in the U.S.

We are facing an unprecedented emergency, unlike anything this country has experienced. Beyond the health impacts of the COVID-19 coronavirus, our economy has ground to a halt. Traditional safety nets like school feeding programs, childcare services, and senior centers are struggling to stay open. Millions of Americans will soon be out of work and struggling to put food on the table for their families.

But this moment is not without hope. We can beat this, and World Central Kitchen (WCK) has seen what’s possible as we’ve fought on the front lines in Japan and California deploying systems to deliver meals to quarantined cruise ship passengers.

300,000+ meals per community across America

WCK’s work with local community leaders continues to ensure that kids and vulnerable populations receive meals they need during these uncertain times. Feeding sites have already launched in New York City, Little Rock, Los Angeles, and Oakland.

But this is just a start - we want and need to do more. We’ve heard from communities and community leaders and they need our help. WCK is well-poised for a large scale, nation-wide activation.

We want to serve 300,000 meals per community over the next 30 days in [cities across America including New Orleans, Boston, Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago, Sacramento, Dallas, and Miami](#).

300,000 meals over the next 30-days costs approximately \$1 million per major city. WCK is a nimble operation and can start serving tens of thousands of meals within 48 hours time - and sometimes quicker.

Join us and help millions of people through [#ChefsForAmerica](#)

COVID-19 is a health emergency first and foremost but the effects have also made this a humanitarian emergency.

Together, we can help each other get through this time, share our hope and positivity, and make sure everyone has access to fresh meals by fueling WCK's work across the U.S. and enabling them to expand to more cities and communities that are near and dear to all of us.

For more information, please visit wck.org
Real-time updates can be found on WCK's Twitter feed [@WCKitchen](#)