



What's A Caterer To Do?

a.k.a. available to work

As the Coronavirus began to perpetrate our communities, and large events were beginning to cancel because of the fear of the very contagious Covid-19, it became apparent that those of us in the hospitality industry were going to need to shift gears to survive. Okay, we can live without the 300 and 400 person gatherings, but when the 100 person parties, then the 50 person parties began to cancel, we recognized that this isn't going to go away anytime soon.

True caterers are a resourceful breed. We work under pressure. We improvise at the drop of a hat. We thrive in uncomfortable work spaces, we deal somewhat graciously with spur of the moment changes and we are the masters of picking up where others leave off. Catering is not just a job, it's a lifestyle. We work when others play. We don't plan our personal calendars without checking our work calendar to make sure we are "not booked." We are resilient. We are accustomed to the ups and downs of the catering business. We accept sudden changes in guest count, impromptu changes in venues, and last-minute menu changes for dietary limitations with relatively good humor.

But we must admit, the danger and unpredictability of this pandemic is shaking our resolve and confidence. When we don't work, we don't get paid. Sure, we can dip into the "credit line" and that will buy us some time. We can self-fund the business for a while.

In 35 years of business in our community, we have never laid off any staff until this past week. Yes, collecting unemployment has been modified to be a somewhat expeditious process...no waiting period, interviews, or documented job search. The problem is that our longtime, dedicated, multi-talented staff **WANT TO WORK!**

We accept the challenge! We will survive! We will not compete with the local restaurants that are attempting to stay alive through take-out, pick-up and delivery orders. We will gratefully accept any business that comes our way.

In the meantime, please know that we are **available** to generate work and income for our staff by offering many services such as:

Delivery, Pick-up, Moving (You name it...we have 4 vans and will travel)

Spring Clean-Up, Yardwork (We can bring our own equipment), Car Care, Pet Care, Errands

Organizing, Cleaning, Decorating, Space Management, Logistics, Data Entry, Bookkeeping and more

We are not afraid of hard work and heavy lifting. It's what we do every day in the catering industry!

We are fast and efficient. We thrive on teamwork. We specialize in quality and quantity.

If we cannot get paid for our product or services, we will continue to stay occupied with donating food and meals during this challenging time.

Please be in touch with us at mail@tastefulconnections.com with your thoughts and potential needs.

Good wishes to you and yours....

Sandra and Team Tasteful

Endurance is not just the ability to bear a hard thing, but to turn it into glory



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