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***Nourishing Wellesley* Now Offering Meals to Grab 'n Go**

March 14, 2022 (Wellesley, MA) – There's a new take on a Town of Wellesley program providing meals to needy residents – take out! *Nourishing Wellesley*, which started in 2021 as a meal delivery service during the COVID pandemic, has moved to a grab 'n go opportunity for 2022 with help from \$40,000 in State grant funds from local Senator Cynthia Creem. This money is enabling the program to operate for another year by providing financial support for the local restaurants who make healthy meals for individuals and families facing food insecurity.

"*Nourishing Wellesley* has been a lifeline for restaurants and residents. Last year we delivered more than 2,500 meals from more than 25 Wellesley restaurants. We're emerging from the pandemic but many families and businesses continue to struggle. The grab 'n go meals are a fun and convenient way to keep taking care of our community for a few more months," said Maura Renzella, Wellesley Youth Commission Director and *Nourishing Wellesley* coordinator.

From March to June, eligible families can pick up prepared meals at various grab 'n go sites throughout Wellesley including the Barton Road Community Room on Thursday evenings between 5:00-5:30 p.m. Wellesley Food Pantry participants can pre-register for the program through the Food Pantry.

The surprise menu selections change each week and food is prepared by local restaurants, taken home, and enjoyed by families and their friends. Participating businesses include:

Amarin II	Cheesy Street Grill	Tutto Italiano
Old School Pizza	Riceburg	Juniper
Cooks Window	Express Gourmet	The Linden Store
The Local Kitchen & Drinks	Mark's Pizza & Subs	Papa Razzi
Wellesley North End Pizza	Great Wok	Weston Road Cafe

Funds for *Nourishing Wellesley* are administered by the Charles River Regional Chamber, which has been a program partner since the very beginning and whose mission is to champion economic and cultural vitality in local communities.

For more information, contact *Nourishing Wellesley* coordinator Maura Renzella at mrenzella@wellesleyma.gov

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