

Mayor Adams Continues Support for Bronx Fire Victims

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Meal Delivery Services to Continue for Families Displaced by Bronx Fire Staying at Shelter Hotels

NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams and the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City today announced the continuation of meal delivery services to support those affected by the January 9th apartment fire in the Bronx. The delivery of culturally sensitive meals will continue through a partnership between the Mayor’s Fund and the NYS Latino Restaurant, Bar & Lounge Association (NYSLRBLA). World Central Kitchen (WCK) generously provided food service in the immediate aftermath of the fire. After WCK shifted their focus to serving Ukrainian refugees in Europe, Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson arranged for temporary food delivery via The Hoodspitality Group until the partnership with the Mayor’s Fund and NYSLRBLA was established. Meal deliveries coordinated by NYSLRBLA begin today.

“The fire in the Bronx was an unspeakable tragedy, and I made a promise that New York City would be there to help our neighbors through it,” said **Mayor Adams**. “I’m grateful for the partnership that the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City and the NYS Latino Restaurant, Bar & Lounge Association made to provide three meals a day to those families displaced by this devastating fire. Knowing that you don’t have to worry about where your next meal is going to come from can make your entire day, and these New Yorkers can trust that their city has their backs. New York stands ready to give impacted families all the support they need. I also want to thank Bronx Borough President Gibson for her partnership in helping coordinate meals in the interim. Bronx residents are lucky to have a fighter like her on their side.”

“We thank World Central Kitchen for supporting those affected by the tragic Bronx Fire and are so grateful to the NYS Latino Restaurant, Bar & Lounge Association for stepping in so quickly to ensure continued services” said **Deputy Mayor for Strategic Initiatives Sheena Wright, chair, Board of Directors, Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City**. “Our office is committed to working in partnership with communities to ensure our neighbors have their needs met as they continue to recover. I also want to

acknowledge and thank Borough President Gibson for her tireless advocacy on behalf of her constituents.”

“It has been two months since the tragic five-alarm fire at Twin Parks North West Apartments, and our team, alongside our elected official partners and nonprofit organizations, has been working diligently to ensure the families continue to receive support,” said **Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson**. “After immediately learning about the gap in food services to impacted families, my office partnered with The Hoodspitality Group to provide temporary food assistance to families in need, and we are excited to hear that, through this partnership between the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City and the New York State Latino Restaurant Association, food services will continue for the families. I want to also, once again, thank our first responders, essential workers, community partners and elected officials for their commitment and partnerships. We will continue to work with the mayor’s office to ensure all of the impacted families are receiving resources and transparency throughout this process.”

“New Yorkers will not allow those affected by the January 9th Bronx apartment building fire to go hungry,” said **Daniele Baierlein and JL Paniagua Valle, co-executive directors, Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City**. “The Mayor's Fund is proud to partner with the NYS Latino Restaurant, Bar & Lounge Association to ensure that culturally appropriate meals are delivered daily to the individuals and families who continue to rebuild and recover from the tragedy. We are also grateful for World Central Kitchen for serving meals immediately after the fire and for many weeks afterwards.”

“We are privileged to partner with Mayor Adams in his continual relief efforts to support the grieving families of the Bronx Fire,” said **Arelija Taveras, president, NYS Latino Restaurant, Bar & Lounge Association**. “Our Latino restaurant owners will continue to support New York City and our local communities in times of adversity. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this great city!”

Those impacted by the fire on January 9th face a variety of associated costs. The Mayor’s Fund proactively works with the City of New York to ensure relief services, such as meals, are provided to the families as they recover and rebuild. Locally based organizations, including the Gambian Youth Organization, are providing additional support to those in need.

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