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Area Agency on Aging of Palm Beach/Treasure Coast TooJay's Partners with TooJay's to Provide Meals for Seniors

Funding from Families First Act and CARES ACT supports meal program

WEST PALM BEACH, FL (May 7, 2020) – Beginning Thursday, April 30, TooJay's and the [Area Agency on Aging \(AAA\) of Palm Beach/Treasure Coast](#) are providing meal packs of nutritious food for registered homebound seniors experiencing food insecurity during the Coronavirus pandemic.

"Challenging times like these call for innovative solutions to care for the most vulnerable members of our community," said Max Piet, President and CEO of TooJay's Deli. "TooJay's is proud to partner with the Area Agency on Aging and help assure that homebound seniors, who are at heightened risk during the COVID-19 pandemic, have the nutritious food they need."

The menu was specifically designed in conjunction with the Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services to meet the dietary requirements of the seniors. Each seven-day meal pack will contain light breakfast items and seven dinners that can be reheated. Assembled in lightweight boxes and labeled with reheat instructions for easy preparation, the packs will be prepared in the controlled environment of TooJay's West Palm Beach commissary to assure food safety.

To receive a meal pack, seniors over the age of 60 in need of assistance may register by contacting the Area Agency on Aging Helpline at **(866) 684-5885**. Drop and go locations for registered seniors to pick up their meals are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays at varying facilities throughout northern and southern Palm Beach County. To streamline the process, registered seniors will be assigned and notified in advance of their pick-up locations. Alternative delivery may be available for seniors with special needs who lack transportation.

Working with TooJay's, the Area Agency on Aging anticipates distributing more than 34,000 meals in the first three weeks and continuing the program while the emergency declaration remains in effect.

"The Aging Network is fortunate to establish a public/private partnership with TooJay's," said Dwight Chenette, CEO of the Area Agency on Aging. "Our Palm Beach County lead agencies, the Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services and The Volen Center, are handling the distribution in a well-organized, safe manner."

For more information about the meal packs, call the Helpline at (866) 684-5885 or visit YourADRC.org.

The Area Agency on Aging is dedicated to promoting, supporting and advocating for the independence, dignity and wellbeing of seniors, adults with disabilities, veterans of all ages and those who care for them in a manner that values diversity, reflects the communities we serve and embraces the collaboration of the aging network.

For the latest information on how TooJay's is navigating the COVID-19 situation, please visit TooJays.com/how-we-are-navigating-covid-19 or sign up for [Delicious Rewards](http://TooJays.com/delicious-rewards) through TooJay's mobile app or at TooJays.com/delicious-rewards and receive push notifications and emails. Guests who sign up for the first time receive a free dessert.

Founded in 1981, TooJay's currently serves guests in Palm Beach and Broward counties, the Treasure Coast, the West Coast of Florida, the Orlando area and The Villages.

TooJay's received three *Palm Beach Post* 2020 Best of Palm Beach County Awards for Best Sandwich, Best Dessert and Best Caterer; 2020 Best of Orlando Award for Deli; the 2019 *South Florida Gay News* Golden Spoon Award for Outstanding New Spot in Fort Lauderdale; and the 2019 Restaurant Neighbor Award as a State Winner from the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation for its work with Feeding Florida.

For more information about TooJay's, visit TooJays.com. Follow TooJay's at twitter.com/therealTooJays and [instagram.com/toojaysdeli](https://www.instagram.com/toojaysdeli) or visit the Facebook fan page, which has over 93 thousand fans, and become a fan at facebook.com/TooJaysDeli.

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