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Hungry? Everyone Eats Says Ram Mehta, Thanks to this New Non-Profit: EveryoneEatz

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"EveryoneEatz" volunteers gather to pass out free food at a recent Dallas event. The non-profit says there is "No questions, no Judgments" for those who come for help. Begun with free pizza, the non-profit now offers Covid testing, PPE and other fresh food for those in Dallas County who need help.



"No Questions, No Judgements," says "EveryoneEatz" Founder Ram Mehta, serving the hungry throughout the Dallas Metroplex at multiple events.

The pandemic has created chaos in our country, but Ram Mehta feels it as also offered us something special: "The best opportunity for our communities to come together."

It was not by chance that Ram Mehta, owner of In-Fretta Pizza in Plano, saw an opportunity to help those in need.

Mehta came to New York from India as a 15-year-old tourist. The sights, sounds, and opportunities he saw lead him to make New York his new home.

But he didn't lead a luxurious life, working 18 hours a day for a job that paid \$3 an hour. Homeless and living in subways, he struggled to scrape together a living in the expensive city, and eventually moved to Texas seven years ago.

Mehta says he came for an IT job and the opportunities here, for the family atmosphere and safer community. Through hard work he became the owner of In-Fretta Pizza in Plano.

As the pandemic hit in March, Mehta saw the dire consequences of the economic fallout across the country in the news. He remembered his days of living on the streets and he was determined to help those who needed it most.

"No questions. No judgments." Ram would post these words on social media as he offered anyone hungry and in need a free pizza from his restaurant. As he served hundreds, he thought of an idea to expand his charitable outreach: **EveryoneEatz**.

Mehta created the non-profit, **EveryoneEatz**, to continue the momentum. He brought together a diverse group of community members to lead the organization and to plan for the future. Their motto is: "We rise by helping others."

This team has served over 300,000 meals already to the Dallas community, feeding the hardest hit while distributing PPE and providing free COVID-19 testing. He's already held 53 events and plans to keep going.

The outreach has earned Mehta and his board proclamations recognizing their charitable efforts from both the Collin County Commissioners Court and the State of Texas.

EveryoneEatz is helping those most afflicted in our community during this crisis. To volunteer, look on the website, www.everyoneeatz.org. To learn more about upcoming events, follow the non-profit's efforts on Facebook and Instagram. For more information call 469-494-9555 or email support@everyoneeatz.org

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