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You are truly amazing...and the fact that it helps not only Darien's essential workers, but also its critical business infrastructure is sheer brilliance.

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-Angela Clark

All set, looking forward to it! Thank you and Corbin Cares for this generous donation, my family is is very appreciative. All of us at the Town of Darien Dept of Public Works are very grateful too! Thanks Lisa!

-Jim Hogan

Thank you to Corbin Cares and all involved in organizing these family dinners for us! My family and I leisurely enjoyed a delicious meal together tonight from Bodega Taco Bar thanks to the generosity of the Darien community. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness in showing your appreciation of the community's essential workers in this way. I'm grateful to all of you for the sentiment the gesture conveys.

-Norma D. Chajon

Thank you so much. This is such a generous and thoughtful gift!

My family and I can't wait!

-Mary Beth Giannattasio

All the Corbin Cares Group,

Thank you so much for such a delicious dinner last night. I picked up my dinner at Four Forks. It was excellent and so much food. I will certainly use them next time I cater a dinner.

Your thoughtfulness is certainly appreciated.

-Anna Resnansky

Thank You



Thank you Ms. Elwell! The food was delicious. My family loved it. We had Pizza from Parlor. Thanks again.
-Rosemary Trani

Thank you very much for the delicious dinner! Tonight my family enjoyed the chicken marsala with rice and salad from Michael Joseph's catering. It got rave reviews!
-Lucy Berry

My family is beyond excited to enjoy this meal tonight! We love Parlor Pizza, but only get it for "special occasions."
I have one of my college kids home this weekend JUST for Parlor Pizza! Thank you for this generous, delicious gift of gratitude...I am truly grateful for it...especially after this exhausting week of virtual teaching!
All the best,
Debbie Lynch

Thank you so much for thinking of us and this beautiful gift!!
-Reyes, Heather

Dear David and Edward,

I cannot thank you and the community enough for this generous gift. It truly fills my heart with warmth during this challenging time. I am blessed to have a job and to have a job working with such amazing students.

From my family to yours, have a happy holiday and thank you!

Warmest regards,
Diana Marchetti

Dear Mr. Genovese and Corbin Cares,

Thank you all for your investment of time and energy for establishing the Corbin Cares foundation and the dinners for frontline workers. I must confess I felt guilty accepting the dinner, but did graciously and was happy to support Michael Josephs! As a former Darien resident and DHS graduate I feel very connected to Darien and appreciate the good will radiating from this foundation!

Thank you so much, and give my best to Sarah please!! I hope she's doing some acting!!

MOST sincerely,
Nancy Christie, Art Teacher, Hindley School

Lisa,

I just wanted to say thank you for this thoughtful gift the Darien community gave to all of us. We enjoyed our dinner from Michael Joseph's Restaurant.

Thank you again & we wish you all a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Renée Perrin

Thank you again so much for the lovely dinner!! It was delish!!
-Geoff Gilbert

Thank You



Hi there,

I'm a teacher in Darien and I just wanted to say thank you for the gift of a Bodega takeout dinner! My husband and I are looking forward to our Taco night next week. We love Bodega and miss going there in person so this is such a nice treat.

I work at Tokeneke and our principal shared that you two met in the first grade here. Hopefully some of our students go on to do nice things like this in the future! Thanks again and have a great day.

-Mara Souther

Dear David and Ward,

Thank you for the wonderful dinner that was provided through Corbin Cares and The Darien Foundation. The generosity and support that Darien has shown to those who work here in town is incredibly thoughtful and very much appreciated.

The chicken marsala from Michael Joseph's was fantastic!

Thank you again,
Turschmann, Jeanne

Dear Mr. Genovese, thank you so much for setting up the meals for our families. In these trying times, it was a lovely gesture and much appreciated.

-Kathy Gilbert, DHS

On behalf of my whole household here in Danbury, I'd like to express my most sincere gratitude for the meal provided through Corbin Cares and the Darien Foundation. Teaching this year has been a challenge and test of patience and will. At the same time, I have never seen such support and encouragement from the community here in Darien.

Thank you for this incredibly kind gesture. In a year of incredible teacher turnover around the country, people like you are the reason why, despite tremendous challenges, teachers didn't give up this year.

-Austin Scelzo,

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to take a moment to say thank you. I wanted you to know how appreciative I am for the generous dinner from Four Forks. For a busy family it was a treat to have dinner taken care of. The staff at Four Forks was wonderful in giving easy directions on how to warm up the dinner and it was delicious. A meal that our family enjoyed for almost 3 days because of the generous quantity.

Thank you again for such a thoughtful treat. It is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Giannattasio

Dear Mr. Genovese and Mr. Glassmeyer:

I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thank you for the Corbin Cards & the Darien Foundation gift. Our Ox Ridge School staff was truly touched by your generosity. I am excited to pick up my meal this evening; it will be a nice treat after our first full week back in person! Your thoughtfulness means a lot during these difficult times.

With much gratitude,

Christina Ulreich

Thank You



It was such a treat to bring home dinner after work and feed my family that was delicious. Much appreciated and grateful. I love the families and wonderful students I teach each day.

Sincerely,
Ronit Rodier

Hello David,

Happy 2021!

Thank you for being a huge part of the effort to honor and recognize "front line and essential" workers in Darien.

I am the PE teacher at Royle School and my family and I enjoyed a delicious chicken marsala dinner with rice and a salad from Michael Joseph's!

It really made me feel very special and appreciated. I am so thankful and love my teaching job in Darien!! Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

Be safe and well,
Jill Cardamone

David and Ward,

I wanted to extend my sincere appreciation for your support and donation of dinner to us!! It is such a wonderful idea and shows great kindness. My staff was so honored to be recognized by this kindness, they have been buzzing about it all week!!

It is so wonderful to have such a kindness bestowed upon us!!!!
Kathy Schultz, Assistant Principal, Tokeneke School

Hi David and Edward,

My family and I would like to thank you for the very generous family night dinner from Bodega! It was a lovely surprise that I was able to enjoy with them. We are looking forward to going there for dinner someday soon!

As a teacher, it made me feel very appreciated!

Best regards,
Carmela Di Stasio

I'd like to express my gratitude for the delicious meal provided for my family from Four Fork. It was so nice to get home and have dinner ready to enjoy. Little things surely make a big difference. The generosity of the organizers and the community is truly wonderful and much appreciated.

Warm regards,

Jennifer D'Amico, Assistant Principal, Hindley Elementary School

Mr. Genovese,

I wanted to say thank you for your very generous and thoughtful gift. My family and I look forward to our meal from Four Forks. Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Marc Power, School Counselor, Darien High School

Thank You



Mr. Genovese and Mr. Glassmeyer,

Thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness and your generosity during these trying times. It's amazing gestures like these that reinforce that there is good, in a world that is currently off kilter!

We will be enjoying a family pizza night from one of our favorite places, Parlor Pizza in Wilton!!

Thank you again!
Stacie Klein, Admin. Asst., AP/SESS

Dear Mr. Genovese and Mr. Glassmeyer,

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying a happy and healthy start to the New Year. I am writing to express my deepest thanks to you and the Corbin Cares Foundation for the generous gift to the employees of the Darien Public Schools, and other first responders in Darien. As Principal of Royle, I have been looking for ways over the past 10 months to make sure my staff feel appreciated and loved. This incredible charitable gift to the staff was such a surprise and an enormously generous give back to our teachers who have worked so hard to make sure the students in Darien are taken care of, taught, and loved. My Italian upbringing always tells me that food is the best way to show people you love them, and that could not be more true in these times! I am so proud and honored to work in this incredible community.

Thank you,
Garan Mullin

Wanted to send a quick note of thanks for your gift! My family and I are looking forward to dinner from Four Forks on Tuesday. Taking care of the everyday question of "what's for dinner?" in such a delicious way is a wonderful gift, much appreciated!

Many thanks,
Patty Renda

David and Ward,

Thank you so very much for the generous and thoughtful gift acknowledging the hard work and dedication of town employees during the pandemic. As a resident of Darien, it meant so much that our community stepped up in a positive and supportive way. It also felt great to give back to our businesses in town. My family ordered from 1020 Post, one of our favorites, but we hadn't been there since the start of the pandemic. It was a welcome reminder that ordering a meal to-go is also just as good as eating in person. Thanks again for going above and beyond to show you care!

Wishing you all the best and hope that you stay healthy and well!

With gratitude,
Natasha Torre

Dear Mr. Genovese and Mr. Glassmeyer:

Thank you very much for your incredible generosity. It was such a thoughtful surprise, and the community support truly means a lot.

I deeply appreciate your kindness and wish you all the best in the coming year!
Diane R. Sandor, HR Coordinator, Darien Public Schools

Thank You



Hi David and Edward,

Thank you so much for organizing the Corbin's Corner Front line worker collection for meals. As a teacher it was so nice to have a meal provided for my family upon returning to school. Thanks for organizing!

Best,
Devon Tiani, Royle School

Dear Ward and David,

I wanted to extend a huge thank you to you and the other members of Corbin Cares. Not only was my meal at Bodega extremely generous (and delicious), but knowing that we are appreciated and thought of within the community means more than you will ever know. This act of kindness AND generosity has kept a huge smile on my face, as well as my colleagues.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Vanessa Kowalski

Hi David,

Thanks so much for organizing and executing such a tremendous and welcome gift. It comes at a time when we all need that extra boost after a busy holiday season and then a week plus of e-learning! Ken and I were just thrilled to have such a delicious meal from 1020. They really went above and beyond in quality, portions and kindness at pick up.

Well done, David!

Warmest regards,
Ann and Ken Southworth

Dear Mr. Genovese and Mr. Glassmeyer,

I am so appreciative for the dinner you provided for my family. Your kindness and generosity to the school personnel was wonderful.

I chose a dinner from Four Forks and it was delicious. While there I was expressing my kindness for the parents as well as Corbin Cares for the thoughtfulness we experience here in Darien. A teacher new to the system arrived and overheard this. He mentioned that he had taught in another district for 11 years and never once received anything like this. This is a special place with caring people.

Thank you so much. Your efforts are truly appreciated.
Anna Resnansky

Dear David and Edward,

I want to thank you for the delicious Parlor Pizza dinner my family and I enjoyed last week thanks to your generosity.

I live in Wilton so Parlor is a favorite for us, but it is quite pricey (for Pizza). When I shared the gift with my family, my college daughters asked for a date that they could be home!! The Darien teaching staff is fatter now because of you...in a good way!

Take care and Happy 2021! Let's hope it's better than 2020!!
Debbie Lynch

We enjoyed a wonderful dinner from Parlor Pizza - much appreciated!!!
Christine Eng Leventhal

Thank You



Dear Mr. Genovese and Mr. Glassmeyer:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you both very much for your incredibly kind and thoughtful gift through Corbin Cares.

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Once again, thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

Warmly,
Bill Liebow

Lisa and David,

What a great night we had! Thank you and everyone who had a part in this amazing gesture. RJ was wondering if the same time next week works for the same meal; we loved it so much.

Enormous gratitude,
Jackie, Jackson, RJ and Erin Kelly

Just wanted to send a heartfelt thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness for our delicious meals! My son and I both work in the district as paraprofessionals and it was such a delight during these trying times to enjoy a wonderful meal!

Regards,
Lauri-Ann Pirraglia
Zachary Pirraglia

Thank you again so much for the lovely dinner!! It was delish!!
Gilbert, Geoff

Hello,

I want to thank you so much for your gift of dinner! I brought it to my daughter's house and we all enjoyed it! She and her husband thank you too. It was so delicious! It was such a nice surprise to be rewarded like this. God bless you!
Diane Carr, Special Education Teacher, Ox Ridge School

Dear Mr Genovese and Mr. Glassmeyer,

Thank you so very much for your kind generosity with helping the teachers to get this amazing meal for our families. I cannot thank you enough for your support and to feel like we matter is priceless. I was so thrilled as was my family for the meal and the care we felt.

I do remember Mr Genovese - your two kids-were wonderful students. I hope both of you are well and healthy! We are all very impressed at MMS and so appreciative of this amazing effort for us to enjoy a meal from the town.

Thank you a million times!
Best,
Margaret Lentner

Thank You



Dear David Genovese; Ward Glassmeyer; and Megan Ruppenstein at Four Forks!

Just a quick note to thank you for recognizing the work of all the front-line workers in Darien. As a DHS teacher in his 25th year, I cannot think of a gesture that has been as effective in bringing a rousing cheer in my home for my place of work - the Town of Darien - than the dinner we had together last night, care of Corbin Cares.

The meal - Chicken Milanese from Four Forks - was so very much appreciated by my sons and wife. It was so delicious and it made us all so happy and grateful. My son Joshua who is considering a career in food and hospitality was amazed at the portion size, the home-made goodness and satisfying taste that Megan's team put into our dinner.

We thank you one and all!!

:)*Bruce Clarke*

I wanted to take a moment to thank you and Corbin Cares for the delicious meal and heartwarming gesture. The meal from Bodega was the highlight of the week for my family. We had a wonderful family conversation with my daughters, ages 6 and 8, about what it means to appreciate others and how it makes us feel when we are appreciated.

Please know that this was so much more than a hot meal and a night off from cooking for this teacher-mama. The meaning behind it warmed my soul and spoke volumes - I so appreciate the support the Darien community continues to show me in my 18-year tenure at Middlesex Middle School.

With much appreciation myself,
Dana Siano, Math Teacher & Blue Team Leader

Good morning Mr. Genovese and Mr. Glassmeyer,

I just wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you for the generous and kind gift you gave to our school community. We enjoyed a wonderful meal from Four Forks. My family and I were so moved by the gesture; I feel very blessed to work in a community such as Darien.

Thank you for thinking of us and organizing such a lovely gift.

With thanks,
Amanda Thomas, Tokeneke

What a wonderful surprise and thoughtful gift! Thank you so much for this delicious treat.
Laura Condolora

Hi Lisa,

I just want to say thank you for organizing the dinners for Darien. I picked up from Bodega this week. My kids (and me) loved it!

Much appreciated, and stay well!
Mark Mazzone, Assistant Principal, DHS

Good morning David and Ward,

I had the opportunity to enjoy my Four Forks chicken Milanese dinner yesterday evening and it was absolutely delicious! I just wanted to write to thank you, and all of those involved, for your generosity and thoughtfulness. This was such a wonderful gift, and I couldn't be more appreciative. This past year certainly has been interesting! Hoping there is a bit of a light at the end of the tunnel now for us all... Thank you so much for thinking of all of us.

Truly,
Ann Branca, School Counselor, M.A., Darien High School

Thank You



Lisa,

I wanted to say thank you for the family dinners. It was a wonderful surprise and much appreciated.

Thanks again,
John Visi, Registrar of Voters

Dear Lisa,

Just sending a note of gratitude to the amazing dinner received - it was thoroughly enjoyed.

Thank you for your efforts.
Stacey Johnson

Hi Lisa,

My family and I had our meal from Bodega last night and it was fantastic!! Thank you so much for doing this for us!!!!
Kerry Pirone

Lisa,

We received (and quickly consumed!) our delicious dinner from Bodega last Wednesday night. Thanks to you and everyone involved in the effort. It is humbling to be recognized so generously. It is a pleasure to serve our community, especially in times of crisis.
The Martins, (Joe, member of Norton F.D.)

Hello,

My name is Alexa Marino and I am a Kindergarten teacher at Tokeneke Elementary School. I wanted to thank you so much for your kindness and thoughtfulness. I very much enjoyed my meal from Bodega (one of my favorite restaurants in Darien) as well as the relaxing night I got to spend with my family the night of our meal. It was also enjoyable to return to school and share about our meals with my colleagues - which was the buzz around school!

Thank you, again, for your kindness during these unprecedented times. It is greatly appreciated!

Best,
Alexa Marino

What a wonderful surprise and thoughtful gift! Thank you so much for this delicious treat.
Condolora, Laura

Good Morning Lisa,

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to you, Corbin Cares and The Darien Foundation for making these meals available. It was wonderful and I can't tell you how much I appreciate it.
Angie DiMeglio, Deputy Registrar

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Stacey Johnson

Thank You



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Best,
Alexa

What a wonderful surprise and thoughtful gift! Thank you so much for this delicious treat.
Laura Condolora

Thank You So much for the great dinner last night. I thought it was a meal just for me. When I picked it up It was a meal for the family!!!! My family really enjoyed it. We sat at the dinner table and made mock sangria and told stories. It was a great meal for my daughter who is going back to college today. She said they don't get good food like this at school.

Please pass on my gratitude.
Judith Rotar, Chef Judi Mather's Center

Hi Lisa!

Thank you so much for all the effort it took to make this amazing meal happen. It was so much fun and something special during these challenging times.

We will definitely be going back to Bodega Taco now that we tried it and loved it!

With blessings and gratitude,
Sherri Brodsky

Good morning Lisa,

Just wanted to say Thank you again! The dinner was fantastic J
Have a great day.
Meredith Carper

Hi, I'm a school nurse at Ox Ridge, I just wanted to say thank you for the delicious dinner, we got it from Parlor Pizza, truly delicious pizza. My family and I enjoyed it!
Yvonne Dempsey R.N., Ox Ridge school nurse

Dear Lisa:

I would like to thank you, David Genovese, Corbin Cares, Ward Glassmeyer, The Darien Foundation, and donors for recognizing Town employees with this unexpected and wonderful gift. The scope of this gift project is truly amazing! It has been a very difficult year for everyone, and certainly for Town employees. I have witnessed with awe what many employees have done to go above and beyond the call of duty in the most difficult and challenging times.

Thank you again for showing appreciation to Town employees in such a thoughtful way that can be enjoyed by every employee and their family!
LAURIE G. DUNN, IPMA-SCP, Director of Human Resources

Thank You



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Thank you a million times!

Best,

Margaret Lentner, Sra. Lentner, Sixth Grade Spanish Teacher, Red/ Orange/ Silver Teams, Middlesex Middle School

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The chicken marsala from Michael Joseph's was fantastic!

Thank you again,

Jeanne Turschmann, 5th Grade - Hindley School

Hello David, Edward & Corbin Cares,

Thank you so much for the generous gesture of the delicious meals. We are so fortunate to work in a town that cares for their first responders & school staff during this difficult time. It has been a challenging time, but being at the forefront, we have seen firsthand how resilient we all are, and how thoughtful & supportive we can all be to one another. We cannot thank you enough for your commitment to making Darien a great place to live & work. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Grace Martini, NHFD member

&

Kimberly Martini, Tokeneke School Nurse & Darien Fire department member

Dear Mr. Genovese and Mr. Glassmeyer,

Thank you for organizing the most generous and thoughtful gift for the teachers and staff in our district. The meals were enjoyed and appreciated by all and the organization of such a unique and kind gesture was especially touching during such an unusual year. As a Darien educator in the district for over thirty years, I can say without a doubt that the Darien community and families are second to none.

With much appreciation and gratitude,

Dr. Felicia J. Bellows, Darien Public Schools, Mathematics Department Chair 6-12

Gentlemen,

I would like to thank you very much for organizing the meals for Darien teachers and staff. It was such a treat and the staff at Four Forks, where I received my meal, was so kind and appreciative of our work.

Laurie Wigglesworth

David,

I wanted to thank you so very much for the generous gift from Corbin Cares. My family and I appreciated the thoughtfulness of the Darien community, especially during this time. The dinner from Michael Joseph's was phenomenal!

Stay well! Thank you !

Theresa L. Fox, Department Chair Special Education and Student Services, Middlesex Middle School

David,

Your generosity and focus on sustaining key members of our community, at just the most critical times, is deeply appreciated. I have been a contributor to Corbin Cares since started last spring, and most recently, was the beneficiary for your town employee "thank you" meal as a Darien Public Schools employee. Your creativity in matching deserving groups and supporting local business is nothing short of genius!

I met you several years ago at a Town Hall rally, preceding an early vote on your downtown project. When we met in the auditorium, you asked how I felt about your vision. I responded that since my maiden name is "Corbin," of course I support it! You said you'd keep the name Corbin Project, and you have been true to your word. I still enthusiastically support your vision and plans to take us into the next 100 years. If you ever think I can assist your efforts (I'm a retired IBM executive and 37 year resident), please feel free to reach out. We have some mutual friends, I've discovered!

My friends at school are all enjoying the generosity of your recent Corbin Cares project, and I hope you know how many lives and hearts you have touched. The school employees are "flat out," working both in person and remotely. Your recognition of our efforts, uniting the community behind us, is a wonderful gift.

With deepest thanks,
Cheryl Corbin Viesto
Ox Ridge School employee

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Once again, thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

Warmly,
Bill Liebow, Special Education Paraprofessional, Middlesex Middle School

Dear Mr. Genovese and Mr. Glassmeyer, Your thoughtfulness and kindness is beyond words. As a Paraprofessional in our elementary school system, I know what kindness truly means. 2020 has been quite the challenge to say the least. It's people like you that make me proud of our community and who think of others and ways they can help and make it better. Thank you for the dinner and I wish you all the best in 2021. Keep making our town beautiful !!
Mattia Tarantino, Holmes School

much a town can become a family. You have always known our town was great and always had faith that we did **Thank You** and do, too! Please say hello to the rest of your lovely family for me. Much, much thanks again,
Sincerely, Janet Fiasca
Lisa Ellwell's efforts were extraordinary

how long I have known your family. Through my years at Hindley, I have always known that our Hindley community was a second family for me. I thank you so much for making my community even larger and ~~knowing~~ ^{hallmark} how

From the bottom of all of our hearts, Thank You All!!!.
We wish everyone at Corbin Cares and the Darien Foundation a safe, healthy, happy New Year full of re-newed hope and healing!
With warmest regards,
Paula Blakley and
The Staff of Holmes School

January 2021

Dear David, Ward, Corbin Cares & The Darien Foundation,
On behalf of the staff at Holmes Elementary School, I wanted to express our sincerest gratitude for your most generous holiday gift! The meal for four people - offered from such fabulous Darien restaurants - was a most welcome special treat for all of our staff who are working so hard to balance school during COVID and the needs of their own families. Your creative idea found a way to offer a ray of light into their busy lives, support local businesses, and let them know how deeply the community cares for the DPS staff. My teachers and other staff were so touched by your gestures and re-energized by your thoughtfulness.

MARY D. MCGEE

Dear David -

Yum! Thanks to your kindness and organization we had a delicious dinner from Bodega. Actually, it was dinner, lunch, and another dinner!

Darien teachers are lucky to have residents who are so giving. Thank you!

Michael & I hope to see you and Julie soon.
♥ Mary

Thank You



MARY MICHELSON
PRINCIPAL
TOKENEKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear David ~

Thank you for the very generous gift that you, along with Corbin Cares and The Darien Foundation, gave to all of the educators in Darien. What a wonderful way for us to include our families in your thoughtfulness.

This has been a challenging time for everyone in the community/world but with support from people and

organizations like you, we can get "through" it all. Our motto at Tokeneke is "Together We Can Make a Difference" and your generosity & thoughtfulness is so helpful to all.

Thank you from all of us at Tokeneke ~

Sincerely,

Mary Michelson

January 2021

Dear Mr. Genovese, Mr. Glassmeyer, Ms. Lisa - and all the fantastic folks at Corbin Care:

Thank you!! Your dedication to help people at this very difficult time is admirable. I assure you, the kindness you show now will be remembered and reflected by all of us after this crisis is finally over.

Thank you! for the dinner you provided. The pulled pork, mac & cheese, coleslaw (and raspberry desert) we received from Four Forks was simply delicious!! my family and I fully enjoyed it. We cannot thank you enough!

As a token of our appreciation we hope everyone will enjoy the cookies my girls and I made for you.

Again our many many thanks!
Stephanie Lally.
Middlesex Middle school.



Dear Mr. Genovese,
I just wanted to take a moment to thank you, Corbin Cares, and The Darien Foundation for your generous holiday gift, which not only benefited me but also a local business! I have just recently begun working for Darien schools and relocated to the area. Receiving this gift certainly made me feel welcome, and I am grateful to be working in a place that values its teachers! Thanks again!

Christine Depina

Dear Mr. Genovese,
Thank you so much for your kind gift to Darien
You Are So THOUGHTFUL
educators! While our current environment is challenging, your thoughtful gifts lift us all! Kindly,
Joan McGee

Food unites us - how did you know?
Thank you for thinking of the perfect gift for all of us.
Pamela Kelly

Thank you so much for the wonderful dinner! We absolutely loved the Michael Joseph meal. It was so kind of you. Thank you!
-Jill Dentzel

Thank you for the delicious dinner my family and I really enjoyed it. It was so generous of you.
-Michelle Kirschner

The Torre Family thoroughly enjoyed our meal from Michael Joseph's, one of my favorite places in Darien. This gift was like a hug from the town and the Genovese family. Grazie!
Ann Marie Torre

Thank you! The Bruni Family enjoyed our meal from Michael Joseph's. It was the first time getting food from here and will be going back. Your generosity is amazing!
Thank you! Tiffany Bruni and family

Thank you so much for the delicious meal(s)! The pulled pork sandwiches were amazing!
Thank you again!
Penelope Papanikolaou

Daria,
On behalf of the Town's employees,
I want to thank the Corbin Cares
organization for the generous
gift of meals. Employees truly
appreciate the recognition of their
work throughout the pandemic.
They also appreciate that this is
helping local businesses at the
same time.
Kate Buck

Dear Mr. Genovese,
Thank you so much for
the generous gift to my
family and so many others. I
truly appreciate your thoughtfulness,
and the organization of it
all made the whole process
seamless - and even more enjoyable.
Thank you again for the delicious
gift! Sincerely, Cindy Pasiakos
Holmes School
13rd Gr. Teacher

grazie!

Mr. Genovese,
Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness! My dinner was absolutely delicious. It was very appreciated. Sincerely, Lauren Niessing

Mr. Genovese,
Thank you very much for this amazing gift! It is a treat we are grateful for.
Sincerely, Nancy Selenky

Mr. Genovese,
Thank you so much for the thoughtful & delicious dinner. It was very much appreciated.
Katie Perrin

Mr. Genovese,
Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift! My dinner was delicious! I am extremely grateful to work in Darien with thoughtful people around! Best,
Dawn Hoffman

THANK YOU

Mr. Genovese,
I can't thank you enough for your generosity over the years, especially now! What a thoughtful idea to gift us all with dinner! I am beyond grateful and look forward to a night of no cooking or dishes! Say hi to the family for me! All the best, Julia Belmonte

Dear Mr. Genovese and Mr. Glassmeyer,
Thank you ever so much for coordinating the amazing dinners for Darien Town employees! What an extraordinary gift! My family and I recently enjoyed the dinner from Four Forks. Aside from the delicious meal, I thank you both for the great work that is done through Corbin Cares and The Darien Foundation!
I'm a first grade teacher, and I've been with DPS for 26 years, I'm so thankful for this awesome gesture!
Happy New Year and stay well!
Cathy
Sincerely,
Cathy McGee-Hagen

Dear Mr. Genovese +
Mr. Glassmeyer,
Thank you so much for the incredibly generous gift for the Darien teachers. It was so nice to have a wonderful meal from Michael Josephs.
Best,
Jill Deutsch
MMS Teacher

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Dear Mr. Genovese and Mr. Glassmeyer
On behalf of me and my family,
thank you so much to Corbin Cares
for the delicious dinner from Michael
Josephs. What an unexpected wonderful
treat! As long time Darien residents
we are beyond grateful for all that
you do for our local businesses and
community. The steak and potatoes
were delicious and the opportunity
to enjoy such a delicious dinner together

was priceless. No thank you would be
complete with a word of thanks to
Lisa Elwell. It was a monumental
task and she made it seem less and
look easy.

Many, many thanks,

Margaret Lane