

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 20-276**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING COMPANEROS DE COMIDA
AND CHARLOTTE STANT FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO
BRING FOOD SECURITY TO RED BANK FAMILIES**

WHEREAS, Companeros de Comida is a Food Initiative established as a non-profit in May of this year by Rumson-Fair Haven High School student Charlotte Stant with the goal of feeding COVID impacted, food insecure immigrant families in Red Bank.

WHEREAS. Companeros de Comida is run entirely by teen volunteers from the Two Rivers area, 20 of whom volunteer every Saturday to sort and distribute food and the organization has served over 95,000 meals to 87 families, 42 of whom have once again achieved food security.

WHEREAS, Companeros de Comida was chosen to receive 15,000 pounds of food from Dermer Dreams on November 15. 2020, a non-profit that believes that strong community collaboration is the best way to achieve their goals, and regularly collaborates with community organizations such as The Greater Red Bank Women's Initiative, The Monmouth County Young Democrats, Linares Grocery and Pinwheel Place.

WHEREAS, Companeros de Comida was granted 501c3 status on December 1, 2020, was awarded a \$10,000 donation by the Golden Dome Foundation on December 10, 2020 and will deliver presents to 232 children as a result of their Holiday Toy Drive on December 19, 2020.

WHEREAS, Charlotte Stant has been recognized for her charity work locally by being awarded the Rumson Hero Award, nationally as a Featured Hero for Inspiring Teen Magazine and as the Barnard Book Award recipient (for academic promise, leadership, fostering a community of diversity and serving as a role model) and internationally as a Brawny Giant Award recipient through the Brawny Giants Initiative.

WHEREAS, Ms. Stant was featured as a Teen Scene writer in The Journal NJ, discussing navigating life and running a non-profit as a deaf student, has also had multiple articles written about her charitable work in The Journal NJ, The Rumson Fair Haven Patch and Red Bank Green and serves as a volunteer for the Mobile Mexican Consulate as well as a volunteer Ballet Instructor for the Salvation Army, both based in the Borough of Red Bank.

WHEREAS, Ms. Stant is pursuing her interest in policy and government as an intern for Senator Vin Gopal, Assemblywoman Joann Downey and Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling in the 11th Legislative District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank to commend and congratulate Companeros de Comida and Charlotte Stant for their efforts to help bring food security to Red Bank families. Their thoughtfulness and kindness to Borough residents throughout the year is truly extraordinary.

	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Yassin		X			
Councilwoman Triggiano		X			
Councilman Ballard		X			
Councilman Yngstrom		X			
Councilman Zipprich	Second	X			
Councilwoman Horgan	Motion	X			

Dated: December 16, 2020