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Award Winning Restaurant Turns Hardship to Purpose Providing Weekly Meals for Those in Shelter, Quarantine and Recovery

ST GEORGE, Utah, Aug 10, 2020 – Cliffside restaurant in St George, Utah began preparing and delivering 120 meals each week to Switchpoint Community Resource Center after being shut down due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meals feed residents at the homeless shelter, the quarantine hotel, and Crossover Recovery Center in Hildale, Utah, each operated by Switchpoint.

“Cliffside stepping up in this way has been incredibly helpful. Having the added burden of caring for people in the quarantine hotel combined with a huge loss of volunteers, our staff has been stretched to the limit”, explains Executive Director Carol Hollowell. “To have one night of relief each week is a gift.”

When the restaurant was closed in March rather than giving away the food on hand, the decision was made to use it to serve the community. Cliffside owners Tom and Dorothy Heers, with their staff and investors, consulted with community leaders and chose to support Switchpoint in an ongoing effort to alleviate some of the strain put on their operations due to Covid-19. Switchpoint relies heavily on volunteer teams to come to the shelter to prepare and serve dinner. With a drastic decrease in volunteers able to continue their service, it created a huge gap.



Cliffside Chef Eric Gburski shares how serving Switchpoint enriches many lives.

Award-winning Chef Eric Gburski with his crew take pride in preparing meals that will be special and different from what clients can access elsewhere. Gburski says, “I find that food is the fastest way to the soul, and if somebody is having a bad day, I know I can give them something to look forward to. We want the residents at Switchpoint to know we take great care and are honored to prepare the best for them.”

"It's been a joy for all involved at the restaurant to serve the clients at Switchpoint, knowing it is helping our community and those in great need. We love the work of Switchpoint. We are fortunate to have them as a partner", said Tom and Dorothy Heers, owners of Cliffside Restaurant.

For more information about Cliffside Restaurant visit <https://www.cliffsiderestaurant.com/>

To learn more about Switchpoint Community Resource Center and how you may help visit <https://switchpointcrc.org/>

About Switchpoint

Switchpoint Community Resource Center has been in existence since 2014 providing temporary shelter and support for the homeless community in Washington County. Relying heavily on volunteers, additional services include job-training programs through their Thrift Store, Food Pantry and Bed ‘n’ Biscuits Pet Daycare facility. Also offering mental health and addiction recovery support. Switchpoint collaborates with over 20 nonprofit partners and local government agencies to offer services and resources onsite. Beyond food and shelter, Switchpoint Community Resource Center is a stepping-stone to independence for those experiencing homelessness, helping to make poverty a temporary situation.

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