



Chicago Commercial Real Estate Awards Dinner postponed due to COVID-19

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The 32nd Annual Chicago Commercial Real Estate Awards Dinner – the Greater Chicago Food Depository's largest annual fundraiser – will be postponed out of concern for the risks posed by the coronavirus (COVID-19). The dinner, which was previously scheduled for Thursday, March 19 at the Hilton Chicago, likely will be rescheduled for a later date this year.

The Food Depository and the event steering committee made this decision out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of our guests and staff.

We share this news with great disappointment, as the Commercial Real Estate Awards Dinner is a treasured night among industry professionals. The event also provides an important source of funding toward the Food Depository's mission of ending hunger.

Annually, the event brings together more than 1,800 guests and raises approximately \$1.5 million to support the Food Depository's work in delivering food to more than 700 community partners and programs in Chicago and throughout Cook County.

We remain optimistic that we'll be able to successfully hold the fundraiser this year.

The Food Depository recognizes that the postponement of large events has an economic impact that ripples out, particularly for workers who may be disproportionately affected by work stoppages. In this time of uncertainty, the Food Depository is committed to serving our neighbors in need.

Anyone needing food assistance should visit our website at chicagosfoodbank.org to find the food pantry nearest them.

About the Greater Chicago Food Depository

The Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank, believes a healthy community starts with food. We are at the center of a network of more than 700 partner organizations and programs – food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, mobile distributions and other partners – working to bring food, dignity and hope to our neighbors across Chicago and Cook County. We are a proud member of Feeding America – the national network of food banks. Learn more at chicagosfoodbank.org