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NYC Department of Sanitation's Nonprofit Now Accepting Donations for Emergency Employee COVID-19 Fund

New York, NY- The Foundation for New York's Strongest (Foundation), the official nonprofit of the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY), has launched its COVID-19 Emergency Fund. The Fund, accepting in-kind and monetary donations, will support Sanitation employees by providing vital resources allowing them to stay healthy and safe while on the job, and help the families of employees most affected during this time. To start, the Foundation has committed to a \$10,000 contribution to the Fund.

“Sanitation employees are on the front lines fighting through this crisis every day to keep the city running, although they don't always get recognized as “first responders” or “essential workers,” said **Julie Raskin, Executive Director of the Foundation**. “Through this fund, the Foundation is aiming to provide DSNY employees with additional resources they need to get through this pandemic, which could include protective masks, a hotel room to distance themselves from vulnerable family members or a small contribution to a fallen worker's family.”

After transforming their operations to produce sanitizer for essential workers local distillers, **Greenhook Gin** and **New York Distilling** have contributed nearly 30 gallons of their hand sanitizer to a Brooklyn Sanitation garage. Additionally, **City Vineyard** and the **Taste of Tribeca** donated meals to Sanitation Workers at the Manhattan District 1 garage as part of a program that supports local restaurants while also giving back to the front-line workforce.

“We, as an agency, have been working around the clock to adjust to this new reality while focusing on keeping our core operations running as efficiently as possible,” said **Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia**. “During these trying times, the agency is especially appreciative of the Foundation and the work that it does. We are hoping the Fund can provide an extra layer of protection for the men and women of this department and assist families of those most affected.”

To donate or learn more, go to nycstrongest.org/dsnyfund. For any additional questions, please reach out to info@nycstrongest.org. Photos available upon request.

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