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**TVS 'Bite Local' program working to reward employees, support local restaurants**



**Brevard, NC (April, 21 2021)** -- Earlier this year, Transylvania Vocational Services (TVS) initiated 'Bite Local,' a TVS Restaurant Support Program intended to reward its employees and give back to the local community.

Four times per year, TVS selects three local restaurants in the community and purchases gift cards to each of them. Accordingly, TVS employees receive a \$15 gift card to the restaurant of their choice from the list. The first quarter offered gift cards to KTCHN, Rocky's Grill & Soda Shop, or Creekside Subs.

TVS had a fantastic initial turnout of over 130 employees receiving gift cards this first quarter, and the second quarter is expected to be even greater!

"Our Bite Local program is a great way to support both our community and our employees! It has been a difficult year," said TVS HR Director Lauren Hayes. "I'm so excited that we get to offer our employees the ability to experience local restaurants that might be outside of their normal choices, as well as pour into our community by supporting those who have been affected by the pandemic."

This current quarter is featuring; Love Eat Thai, Papa L.E.W., and Quixote Fine Cuisine.

"I think that the Bite Local program is awesome," said TVS Production Worker Richie Atwell. "It is nice to help the local restaurants and free food is always good!"

For restaurants to be considered as an option, they must be locally owned, non-chain, and located near TVS. Each quarter HR picks restaurants that offer a different variety of types of food and price.

Hayes said, "Employees have been extremely thankful for the opportunity to have lunch on TVS – It's a different way of saying 'Thank you' for all of their hard work and dedication that they have displayed throughout this past year as essential workers."

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### **About TVS**

TVS is the largest private manufacturer in Transylvania County. Founded in 1967, our mission is to provide quality employment, job training and residential & community services to individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment. For more information go to [www.tvsinc.org](http://www.tvsinc.org)