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Dear Benevilla and Birt's Bistro Community,

As many of us know, COVID-19 has affected the restaurant business in many ways. In March 2020, we were forced to close Birt's Bistro for indoor dining and have yet to reopen. Although we were able to offer the Birt's Marketplace and Curbside To-Go meals, this is not sustainable for our future and as an agency we always want to be good stewards of our resources.

After much consideration from the Birt's Bistro Task Force and Board of Directors, we have ultimately decided to ***permanently close the Birt's Bistro restaurant for indoor dining effective November 1, 2020.***

However, we will continue to provide complimentary Holiday Meals this year to our community who may otherwise be alone or do not have the meals to cook during the holidays. Complimentary holiday meals will be available for pick up on the day before Thanksgiving (Wednesday, November 25th) and on Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24th). Reservations for meals are required, please call **623-584-4999** to sign up for one of the holiday choices. The complimentary holiday meals program is made possible by an anonymous donor. Meals are limited but we strive to serve as many community members in need as we can.

Birt's Bistro will continue to provide fresh and nutritious meals to all of the Benevilla Life Enrichment Programs, Wirtzie's Preschool and Childcare and the current Home Delivered Meals program. Birt's Bistro will remain open for curbside takeout meals Monday - Friday 10 AM - 2PM. Friday and Saturday night entertainment has been cancelled and the Birt's Boutique is now available online at www.birts-boutique.myshopify.com/

As we move forward in the world of COVID-19, we feel we have the opportunity to think outside of the box and re-invent. The Birt's Bistro Task Force continues to work diligently on brainstorming new, innovative uses of the space we will now have available. More information to come.

Thank you to our community for your flexibility and openness to new ideas during this time of change and thank you to all our supporters of Birt's Bistro over the years. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Sincerely,

Joanne Thomson, Benevilla President & CEO