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Dine out. Give back. And share the love.

Customers who dine at several of their favorite La Grange restaurants in February will be giving back to the local non-profit groups in their neighborhood at the same time.

Eighteen local restaurants are partnering with twenty local non-profit organizations from February 15-28, 2017 in a dining campaign called #LaGrangeGives, according to the La Grange Business Association. The restaurants will donate 15% of a customer's food purchase to a fund that benefits participating local non-profit groups when the customer shows a special flyer during the campaign.

"This is a way to both benefit and celebrate the non-profit organizations that deliver such important services to our community," said Joan Smothers, the chairperson of the La Grange Business Association's non-profit committee. "#LaGrangeGives is a simple idea that proves we can do so much more when we all work together," she said.

Traditionally a slow month in the restaurant industry, February lends itself well to a collaborative effort like #LaGrangeGives, according to the business association. Organizers are optimistic that patrons will dine at multiple locations over the 14-day campaign, as well as share their experiences on social media using the hashtag #LaGrangeGives.

The donation does not include tax, gratuity or alcoholic beverages, and other restaurant discounts cannot be used in conjunction with the program. The #LaGrangeGives flyer can be viewed at www.lgba.com or on the La Grange Business Association Facebook page.

"We want people to celebrate instead of hibernate in February," said Kathy Dierkes, president of the La Grange Business Association. "La Grange has one of the most vibrant restaurant scenes in the area, and this is a great reason to explore them all. It's an idea that tastes as good as it feels," she said.

Participating restaurants are: Al's Charhouse, Back Alley Burger, Bella Baccino's, Casa Margarita, Corner Bakery, DiNico's Pizza, Fireside Wood-fired Pizza, Francesca's Bellezza, Kama Indian Bistro, La Buona Vita, Lucca's, Mattone's, Nickson's Eatery, Palmer Place, Prasino, Q-BBQ, Steak + Vine, and Victory Tap.

The non-profits have agreed to actively market the restaurant promotion which may include volunteering to serve as greeters in the restaurants prior to the launch date. They are: Aging Care Connections, BEDS Plus, Community Nurse Health Center, Community Support Services, Greater La Grange YMCA, H Foundation, Helping Hand Center, The Hope Chest, Interfaith Community Partners, La Grange Area Historical Society, La Grange Art League, La Grange Public Library, LTHS Transition Students, Pillars, Plymouth Place Senior Living, Pet Parade Charities, The LeaderShop, The Legacy Guild, St. Francis Xavier Church and the Salt Creek Chamber Orchestra.

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