Wepa Cafe experiences great first year success. In addition to bringing authentic Puerto Rican cuisine to the Treasure Valley, Wepa Cafe highlights an important need in Puerto Rico. Through a partnership with ProTechos, a Puerto Rican based non-profit whose mission is to rebuild storm damaged homes for Puerto Rican residents, Wepa raises awareness of this need and has created an opportunity for patrons to support this cause through donations, a raffle fundraiser, and a portion of the restaurant's first-year profits.

"It is with great pride that Wepa is able to contribute $5,000 to ProTechos and give back to my family's community and those in need on the island. Puerto Rico is my second home and knowing that the Wepa community in Idaho can help make an impact on those in need in Puerto Rico, makes me feel proud to be a part of both communities," says Art Robinson, owner of Wepa Cafe.

ProTechos (www.protechos.org) was founded with the dual mission of rebuilding damaged roofs in underserved communities throughout the island while providing residents with basic carpentry training, addressing both housing needs and the shortage of skilled construction workers in Puerto Rico. While its primary focus has been homes affected by Hurricane Maria in 2017, given the recent catastrophe of Hurricane Fiona, the island continues to need all the assistance it can get.

As Wepa Cafe embarks on its second year in Garden City, Idaho, Robinson hopes to increase the ease of donations made to this cause. Guests can participate by adding a donation directly to their meal, or making a donation directly to the ProTechos website made available at the restaurant. Robinson stated, "We look forward to serving our community in the Treasure Valley, and the Puerto Rican community for many years to come. Wepa!"