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\$7,600 raised. 670 meals provided. 1 successful project. *Meals for Medics fulfills its mission*

(SCRANTON, PA) — This spring, medical students at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine (GCSOM) identified a need among local hospital workers and, in keeping with their medical training, their response was swift and mindful.

Through a partnership with Scranton Tomorrow, third year medical students Alyssa Muchisky, Elizabeth Stackhouse and Michael Belko launched Meals for Medics in April. The project raised \$7,600 to provide 670 individually-wrapped, hot meals from local restaurants to staff members working overnight in all departments of Geisinger Community Medical Center, Commonwealth Health Moses Taylor Hospital, Commonwealth Health Regional Hospital of Scranton, and Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. Its mission fulfilled, the project came to a close in July.

“I am proud of our students. In a time of crisis, they responded quickly, creatively and with a great deal of compassion, qualities that will serve them well as future physicians,” said Steven J. Scheinman, MD, president and dean, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine. “These students are wonderful ambassadors for our school and the person-centered approach to medicine that we advocate.”

The success of Meals for Medics speaks volumes about the power of community partnerships, and the generosity of those who live and work in the region. “We are extremely grateful for the support from Scranton Tomorrow that helped our little project grow into something that had such a positive impact on so many healthcare workers in Scranton and Wilkes-Barre,” said Michael Belko, a third year GCSOM student. “The doctors, nurses, and staff give us so much in terms of our education, and it felt good to be able to give something back, especially in these stressful times. It was also inspiring to see the outpouring of community support from small businesses, organizations and individuals. Despite being apart for the last few months, Meals for Medics helped me to see that our community is still very much together.”

Third year GCSOM student Alyssa Muchisky echoed Michael’s sentiments. “As a Scranton native, it’s important for me to give back to my community that has supported me in so many ways. I hope that this small act of kindness shows our local hospital employees and restaurant owners that we appreciate them,” she said.

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