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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**San Benito County Office of Emergency Services  
In Partnership with Seniors Council of Santa Cruz & San Benito Counties,  
San Benito County Express, & United Way of San Benito County  
Launches  
“Great Plates Delivered” Program**

On May 8, 2020, San Benito County Office of Emergency Services (OES), in partnership with Seniors Council of Santa Cruz & San Benito Counties, San Benito County Express, and the United Way of San Benito joined the state funded program “Great Plates Delivered”, a meal delivery service for California’s older adults. San Benito County OES immediately pursued this funding opportunity, and coordinated with state agencies, in addition to local restaurants to launch the “Great Plates Delivered” program for the benefit of our county.

Great Plates Delivered has two purposes:

1. To help seniors (65+) and other adults (60-64) at High Risk from COVID-19, (having documented exposure to COVID-19 or underlying health condition) to stay home and stay healthy by delivering three nutritious meals a day;
2. To provide essential economic stimulus to local businesses struggling to stay afloat during the COVID-19 crisis.

Restaurants interested in providing meals or seniors interested in receiving meals should visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/restaurants-deliver-home-meals-for-seniors/>

For more information on this program, please email Program Coordinator, Cielo Lopez at [greatplatessanbenito@gmail.com](mailto:greatplatessanbenito@gmail.com) or call Cielo at (831) 205-1371.