

The Renzi Food Pantry at SUNY Canton

Brief Biography of Honoree & Justification:

Integrity and commitment to service was the foundation for Michael and Roy Renzi when they started Renzi Bros. Inc., their fresh wholesale meat distribution company in 1977. With no prior business experience or higher education, the two brothers ventured on an entrepreneurial journey. Their tenacity and hard work paid off and Renzi Bros. Inc. soon became a successful and thriving business.

The ten years that followed were met with excitement, growth and expansion. Renzi Bros. Inc. became a leading broad-line foodservice distributor, expanding their service territory throughout Upstate New York. In 1987 they moved from a small warehouse to a larger facility in Watertown, New York.

In the late 1990's Mike's sons, John, Jude and David Renzi took an active leadership role in the company, along with their four sisters, all of whom have played or continue to play an integral role within the family business. With new leadership and vision came a new name and mission. Renzi Bros. Inc. became Renzi Foodservice, one of the largest family-owned and operated companies in Northern and Central New York, with a mission of *"Delivering the Difference."*

Renzi Foodservice quickly garnered a reputation for unsurpassed quality of service to its customers and loyal support to their employees and the communities they serve. This commitment to service has been the cornerstone of Renzi Foodservice's mission and the driving force behind the company's philanthropy and generous support of many important local causes.

Renzi Foodservice has provided significant support to SUNY Canton, including a \$150,000 pledge in 2006 to name "The Renzi Atrium" in the Miller Campus Center. Only five years later, the company made another \$25,000 commitment to name Joey's Eatery in the Roos House.

This spring, Renzi Foodservice came through yet again, in a mission-critical drive at SUNY Canton to raise \$50,000 for the Student Emergency Fund (of which the Emergency Food Pantry is a part), in order to receive a \$50,000 match from the SUNY Chancellor's Office. Renzi Foodservice made a five-year, \$25,000 pledge and quickly made the first \$5,000 installment, which put the Student Emergency Fund drive over the top for the match. It is appropriate and fitting to name the Emergency Food Pantry at SUNY Canton the Renzi Food Pantry in honor of the continuing generosity and support of our students by Renzi Foodservice.

Resolution

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WHEREAS, the members of the Renzi family individually, and Renzi Foodservice on a corporate level, have consistently and generously supported the students, programs and facilities of SUNY Canton, including through multiple generous naming opportunity gifts over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, the Renzi family and Renzi Foodservice have demonstrated exemplary commitment to educating the next generation of students and continuing the Renzi Foodservice business philosophy of family values, commitment to service, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the Renzi family and Renzi Foodservice share many of the same causes and concerns of their customers and employees and they are committed to improving people's lives in any way they can, especially in the area of food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, Renzi Foodservice has pledged a \$25,000 gift to support the SUNY Canton Emergency Food Pantry over the next five years, and that pledge significantly assisted the Canton College Foundation in raising the \$50,000 required to win a \$50,000 matching grant for the Student Emergency Fund from the SUNY Chancellor's office;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the College Council of the State University of New York, College of Technology at Canton, designates the Emergency Food Pantry in the Miller Campus Center as the Renzi Food Pantry, this the twenty-second day of September, Two Thousand and Twenty.

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