

As we slowly start to emerge from nearly three months of quarantine, this is probably a great time for reflection. Thankfully, many of the things which we lost during "The Pause" are starting to feel as though they're once again within our reach! We now get to decide which businesses and individuals we let back into our lives. I'm personally looking forward to supporting those organizations that worked to bring our city together and help to create a stronger Rochester. ***Which businesses put the community first? Donated their time, money, or support? Kept us informed, sane, or entertained?***

Here are some companies and individuals that our team can't wait to continue supporting once we're able!

- Young Lion Brewing
- M/Body
- Nick Mancuso, Personal Trainer, *Elevate*
- Root Catering
- Avvino Restaurant
- Peggy Growney, *Windsor Cottage*
- Andrew Serwetnyk, Massage Therapist, *Luxe Spa*
- Caramel Bakery & Bar
- Greg Helmer, Vice President, CNB
- Perlos Restaurant
- Lyndsey, Massage Therapist, *Massage Envy*
- The Astral Studio
- Irondequoit Beer Company/I-Square
- NY Beer Project
- The Spa at Del Monte
- Barber's Barber Shop
- Tapas
- Perri's Pub
- Hot Shots
- Texas BBQ Joint
- Solutions Spa
- Lee Nail Art
- Tree Town Cafe
- Vern's
- Other Half Brewing

Like so many, the past few months have been difficult for the team and me. We stand by the decisions that we made and we're proud to be associated with the buyers and sellers who chose to set aside real estate until it was appropriate to, once again, engage in the process of selling homes.

That being said, it was tough and the future is uncertain. I've never made a public appeal similar to this, however, here it goes...

We sincerely hope that you feel as though our team's response to the pandemic has been the ethically correct one. We also hope that you agree with the assertion that we've fulfilled the terms of the social contract which binds us as a collective entity. We set aside our business, volunteered our time, and donated money. Now, it's time for us to get back to work. If you believe that it's important to support those men and women whose values align with yours, perhaps you'll consider calling us if you're thinking of buying or selling a home. If you know of a friend or a member of your family who is thinking of entering the real estate market, perhaps you'll consider passing along our name. We'd greatly appreciate your consideration and would be honored by the referral.

We understand that there's more uncertainty and greater hardship to be endured. Thankfully, Rochester has demonstrated its ability to come together and behave responsibly and in a manner reflective of the needs of others. If we need to do so again, we've proven that we have the mettle and the moral compass to do the right thing on behalf of our neighbors. ***We should be proud of our collective efforts and we should be proud to call Rochester our home!*** Stay safe and be strong as you enjoy the onset of summer! Avanti!