

A Slice of Life

For Ferenc (Frank) Negy, his work as a driver in food services began the same year that he moved to America. Shortly after departing with his family from Hungary and making a new home in Buffalo, he was hired by Sodexo.



Frank, who is half-Italian and half-Hungarian, discusses his positive approach to his work and life in this installment of "A Slice of Life."

Q. How do you begin your workday, and what are your responsibilities?

A. I start at about 6 a.m. and leave about 2:30 p.m. each work day. I am responsible for driving a truck that carries the home delivered meals to the distribution sites.

Q. Is there a philosophy or personal ideal that helps motivate you each day?

A. I am always trying to stay happy. When I come to work, I try to be happy and it carries through the day. I've been on this route of happiness for a long time.

Q. In reflecting upon your career, is there a time period that you found difficult?

A. It was a little difficult in the beginning. When I first got to America, I didn't speak English. I picked up English by working here and watching TV. Luckily, my manager at the time was Italian, so I was able to communicate with him and that made it a little easier for me.

Q. Is there a secret to your career's longevity?

A. I try to come in each day and make the best of difficult situations and help people along the way. As a driver, I have seen a lot of changes since 2000, especially with the owners – from Sodexo to Hearty Helpings. I have worked through all of the changes.

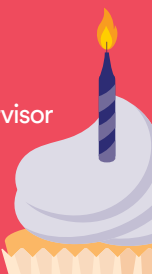
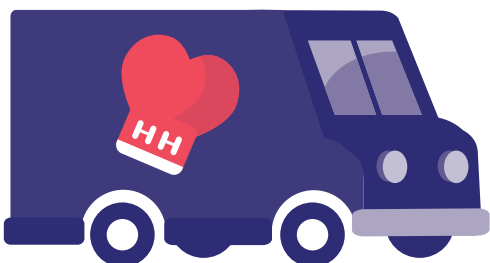
Q. What are your favorite aspects of working at Hearty Helpings?

A. I really like serving my community and getting out and talking to people. If I happen to not be here or if they don't see me for a day, people I see daily when I am delivering miss me. And, I miss them, too. The people I see and talk to, we all have fun working together. We work and we laugh, it's like a family.

*A Slice of Life is a feature that will be included in each edition of Extra Helpings. Each piece will profile a Hearty Helpings employee and their experiences and responsibilities. To suggest an employee who should be profiled in this section, reach out to **Don Rudewicz** directly or email drudewicz@heartyhelpings.org. Please state the reason for suggesting the employee be profiled by Extra Helpings. ❤️*

happy birthday

Oct. 4 - **Colin Campbell**, PM sanitation
 Oct. 16 - **Mary Tapia**, food service worker
 Oct. 20 - **Donald Rudewicz**, general manager
 Oct. 21 - **Keyon Bank**, food service worker
 Oct. 21 - **Willie Williams**, food service worker
 Oct. 21 - **Charlie Simmons**, quality assurance supervisor
 Oct. 23 - **Carolyn Gilliam**, food service worker
 Oct. 24 - **Dawn Clark**, sanitation





FeedMore WNY celebrates launch of capital campaign's public phase

FeedMore WNY welcomed staff, board members, volunteers, and representatives from several of our partner agencies to our warehouse in September to kick off the start of the public phase of our capital campaign for a new campus.

Delaware North CEO Lou Jacobs is co-chairing the campaign with community volunteer Ann McCarthy, and Delaware North is donating \$1 million to demonstrate the Western New York business community's commitment to the project. In addition, Delaware North will match the first \$250,000 of public donations to the project, bringing the company's total contribution to \$1.25 million.

The new facility will centralize the organization's operations, which are at capacity due to the rapid increase of food insecurity among Western New York residents.

The new 197,700 square foot building will be constructed on a 74-acre site at 4832 Camp Road, Hamburg. The new campus will also provide space for Hearty Helpings operations.

Additionally, the new location is within the geographic center of the nonprofit's four-county operations. The campus will include our main warehouse, commissary, growing spaces, office and meeting space, as well as primary logistics on one parcel.

FeedMore WNY is relying on a variety of public and private funding sources for the capital campaign. In addition to Delaware North, FeedMore has received seven-figure donations from Governor Kathy Hochul and the State of New York, the Federal Government, the estate of Anne Alford and Manson Fiske Surdam, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation and individual donors Dave and Joan Rogers. ❤️



more info

For more information about the new building and the capital campaign, scan the code to the right or visit www.feedmorewny.org/capital-campaign-new-home/.



end of summer party

Thursday, Sept. 7



Vote online to help us win an all-terrain vehicle!

FeedMore WNY is once again a finalist in the Defender Service Awards, with an opportunity to win a new Land Rover vehicle to help us serve the community and safely distribute home delivered meals – produced by Hearty Helpings – during winter storms or other types of severe weather.

Public voting determines the winner. To help FeedMore WNY, visit our website and look for the “cast my vote” button on the homepage or scan the code to the right.

Each person can vote once per day, per email address. Voting ends at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4. To make it easier to vote each day, “bookmark” the voting form page on your web browser.

The top five organizations with the most votes at the end of the voting period will each be awarded \$5,000 from Chase and \$2,500 from Warner Bros. Discovery.

Additionally, the organization receiving the most votes will be awarded the ultimate prize of a new Land Rover Defender 130.

Our homepage also includes the contest submission video, providing you an opportunity to learn more about how FeedMore WNY would use the Land Rover.

Please rally your family and friends to help us earn the most votes by voting each day!

We appreciate the support of Hearty Helpings in this amazing chance to win an all-terrain vehicle to help our neighbors during times of emergency.

We hope to share some good news about the results in a future newsletter! ❤️

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scan to vote



FeedMore WNY is competing for a chance to win a Land Rover Defender 130. The all-terrain vehicle is the top prize in a contest that also includes cash awards. Voting closes on Wednesday, Oct. 4.