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### **TRYON DISTRIBUTING DISPENSES QUARANTINE RELIEF BAGS**

Charlotte, NC – Last week Tryon Distributing teamed up with their supplier partners and US Foods to donate “Quarantine Relief Bags” to service industry workers who were affected by restaurant shutdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Roughly 200 restaurant workers lined up in their cars outside Tryon’s Charlotte-based warehouse to pick up a goodie bag in a drive-thru, hands-free transaction run by Tryon employees.

“Restaurants and bars are where we built the Tryon business. They have always been there for us, and we wanted to help the employees,” said Angie Packer, Executive Vice President and Owner of Tryon.

Throughout the pandemic, Tryon has been trying as hard as possible to provide aid their employees, accounts, and community. Tryon elected to give their Drivers hazard pay, at the rate of an extra \$10/day that is still in effect now. Later that month, Tryon was featured in the *Charlotte Observer* for volunteering their trucks to help deliver groceries to local pantries. See the story here: <https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/business/article242180696.html>

Brad Johnston, President and Owner of Tryon Distributing, said, “It’s the right thing to do and everyone wants to help. We are losing a bunch of money, but we are so much more fortunate than a lot of other businesses. I feel for my restaurant customers and I am good friends with many of them. It breaks my heart. Anything I can do to help; I’ve got the people and vehicles.”

Tryon Distributing is a Charlotte-based craft beer and wine distribution company started 35 years ago with three people and has grown into a statewide distributor with 270 employees. They are proud to be family-owned and operated.