

**WHO:** CORE: Children of Restaurant Employees is a national non-profit that provides financial grants to restaurant and beverage service employees with children when either the employee, spouse, domestic partner or their child faces a health crisis, injury, death, or natural disaster.

**WHAT:** A CORE grant is a gift and may cover rent/mortgage, utilities, prescription costs, medical equipment, therapies, basic necessities and more. CORE has granted in all 50 states, D.C., and in Puerto Rico. CORE will pay rent/mortgage directly and provide a CORE VISA gift card for other approved expenses. Documentation is required.

CORE is a resource for restaurant team members with children who face a qualifying circumstance. Team members can apply at www.coregives.org for a grant, or can be referred by completing the online refer-a-family form.

**WHERE:** CORE: Children of Restaurant Employees in based in Brentwood, TN (Nashville) and works with a network of partners and supporters across the nation to increase awareness and raise funds to help employees that may qualify for a CORE grant. In 2020, they reached the milestone to provide a grant to employees in all 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico.

**WHY:** A group of industry friends met at the Restaurant Show in Chicago and recognized the need to support the children of restaurant and bar employees when they faced a health crisis and needed help with living expenses. CORE conducted research, hired their first dedicated employee in 2013 and formed the organization as it is today. The organization grew in 2020 during the pandemic and helped five times the number of families. The organization is growing in visibility to serve as a resource for employees with children who face a qualifying circumstance.

## In 2023:

- 89% of CORE grants: due to a medical crisis of the parent / legal guardian or child
  - 60% parent / legal guardian
  - o 29% child
- 11% of CORE grants: due to a natural disaster
- 77% of grantees are single parents
  - 72% single mothers
  - 5% single fathers

We are honored to partner with this important industry-focused cause.

For more information, visit coregives.org.

