

Dear Italian Festival Family, Community Members, **Sponsors**, Patrons, Vendors, Volunteers and Attendees:

Our Board met the evening of April 14th and after much discussion regarding our current situation in the world, it was a unanimous decision that it is **our social**, moral and ethical responsibility to postpone the Stark County Italian American Festival that was scheduled for June 11-13, 2020.

This decision was not made lightly. **It** was made with the health and well-being of ALL of **you in** mind. At this time, we do not have an alternate date and will continue to watch, observe and follow the directive from the Governor. Please continue to **go to our website, cantonitaliafesta.org or follow our Facebook page** for any updates as they may occur.

Another decision we made, even though there may not be a festival this year, is to continue our mission of promoting education by awarding scholarships to deserving area high school graduates of Italian-American descent. Therefore, because of the generosity of sponsors, the foundation will award scholarships this year. Please go to cantonitaliafesta.org for more details.

We appreciate your continued patronage and support.

The Festival Family wishes each of you continued health and wellness. Stay safe, Stay healthy and Stay put!

Thank you from all the Board Members of the Stark County Italian-American Foundation

Gary Petersen

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Foundation Chairman