# Giveaway Supports Frontline Employees at Altercare Centers Affected by COVID-19

Employee Foundation Supports Coworkers' Grocery Needs with Week's Supply of Food

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**North Canton, Ohio – May 19, 2020 –** A new Grocery Giveaway program provides employees of Altercare Integrated Health Services, Absolute Health Services and Leverage Purchasing Group employees on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis with a week's worth of meals made available for pick up at their workplace.

The grocery support program kicked off April 15, 2020 at Altercare Alliance with a delivery of close to \$11,000 worth of breakfast, lunch, dinner and other items. Employees from each shift had convenient access to pre-packaged grocery items from a refrigerated truck during the onsite delivery.

On May 15, 2020 the grocery support program expanded to serve 128 frontline employees at Altercare Canal Winchester. The program is made possible by a partnership between In Jerry's Footsteps, an employee foundation whose mission is to support coworkers through personal challenges; The Schroer Group, Altercare's parent company; and the Schroer family, who owns and operates Altercare. Avalon Foodservice, another Schroer Group company, provides the food and packaging services. The grocery program will be adapted to supply goods to employees throughout The Schroer Group organization in the midst of the COVID-19 experience, as need is determined.

The In Jerry's Footsteps foundation committee recognized an opportunity to support frontline caregivers who may be juggling personal obligations, such as online schooling for children at home, and professional duties. They created the grocery support program, which removes the responsibility of food shopping from frontline employees' to-do lists, allowing them to limit their public exposure and spend personal time with loved ones at home.

"Altercare's healthcare workers are giving their all to provide exceptional healthcare to our residents during the COVID-19 crisis. We're exceptionally proud of our staff for their dedication

to providing compassionate care to those who need it most," said Jerry Schroer, CEO, The Schroer Group.



About In Jerry's Footsteps
In Jerry's Footsteps is an employee foundation that provides grants to situation, a catastrophic event or other life challenges they are not

financially prepared to handle. It is funded by employees for employees. The foundation honors founder Jerry Sr.'s legacy, upholding the family-value culture of Altercare. Each year, the foundation holds a signature fundraising event, Walking Together In Jerry's Footsteps.



#### **About Altercare**

Altercare Integrated Health Services is dedicated to caring for people. Whether you need rehabilitation services, post-acute medical care, assisted living or care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and

dementia, we are a quality-focused resource that will meet your needs. Organizations that monitor quality and hold care centers accountable continually recognize Altercare for its commitment, achievement and excellence in quality care. As a family-owned company with locations throughout Ohio and one in Michigan, our experience, resources and compassionate professionals make us the preferred service provider in all the communities we serve. To learn more, visit www.altercareonline.com.



## **About The Schroer Group**

The Schroer Group The Schroer Group is the parent organization of five family-owned, outcome-based companies, including Altercare Integrated Health

Services, Absolute Health Services, Avalon Foodservice, Leverage Purchasing Group and Valor Health Plan. We are committed to delivering quality services through skilled nursing, assisted living, outpatient rehabilitation, pharmacy, food distribution, group purchasing and Institutional Special Needs Insurance. The Schroer Group has been recognized by NorthCoast 99 for 16 years as one of the best places to work in Northeast Ohio.

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