



The Alonso Foundation and PDQ Partner to Raise Funds

***Guests can give back or donate at Long Island (NY), Port St. Lucie
and Stuart (FL) PDQ locations from April 6 – May 1***

Tampa, FL (April 3, 2023) – Award-winning [PDQ restaurants](#) (People Dedicated to Quality) and [The Alonso Foundation](#) are teaming up to give back all month long to celebrate the return of baseball season. The Foundation, started in 2020 by New York Mets All-Star First Baseman Pete Alonso and his wife, Haley, helps those in need by being a voice and standing up for those who can't speak for themselves. The Alonso Foundation supports youth initiatives, animal welfare, and veteran's aid as the core of its mission.

Starting with the day of the Mets' home opener on Thursday, April 6, guests to PDQ's two Long Island locations in Farmingdale (NY) and Westbury (NY), as well as PDQ restaurants in Port St. Lucie (FL) and Stuart (FL), can round up their check or make a donation, with 100 percent of all money raised given directly to the Alonso Foundation. The partnership runs through Sunday, May 1.

"Being able to partner with PDQ, and all the people there, means a lot to us," said Alonso. "PDQ stands for quality in all that they do and they are so supportive of giving back to important causes like those that The Alonso Foundation works every day to help. Personally I love the spicy chicken sandwich and it's just really cool that every guest can help us generate funds to be used back in the community."

Alonso is a two-time Major League Baseball All-Star who led the league in home runs in 2019 and RBI in 2021. He made his MLB debut during the 2019 season and broke the major league record for the most home runs by a rookie with 53. He was also the first Mets player to hit 50 or more home runs in a season, setting the Mets' single-season home run record in the process.

"Pete is an All-Star on and off the field, and the work he and Haley are doing to help so many is incredible to see," said Nick Reader, PDQ Co-Founder and CEO. "Pete is making a difference in New York and Florida, and we are honored to partner with him and his foundation. It has been special to watch him and our brand grow and flourish together, from our original PDQ location across from Plant High School in Tampa where he started, to our location in Gainesville during his amazing career at the University of Florida, and now our Long Island restaurants and his Mets success."

Guests can visit the following PDQ locations to support The Alonso Foundation:

Farmingdale (NY): 1004 Broadhollow Road

Westbury (NY): 1236 Old Country Road

Port St. Lucie (FL): 10630 SW Tradition Parkway

Stuart (FL): 2331 SE Federal Highway

All locations are open for lunch and dinner for dine-in, To-Go, drive-thru, curbside, delivery and catering starting at 11 a.m. seven days a week.

About the Alonso Foundation

In 2020, Haley and Pete Alonso were moved by the tremendous sacrifice being demonstrated by the multitude of heroes and frontline workers in our communities. They initially formed their foundation to honor these local heroes, and have since expanded to build up the causes they care most deeply about – supporting our youth, veteran's needs, and animal welfare. The mission of 'standing up for those who can't' remains their guiding philosophy for giving.

The Alonso Foundation aims to be the voice for those who can't speak up for themselves, partnering with organizations that are advocating for and providing relief to those in need. We vow to create lasting change in this world. We partner with extraordinary organizations around the country to provide direct support in each of these areas and more. The donations we make are typically unrestricted to offer other nonprofits the flexible funding needed most to scale their work in service of those that need it most. Additionally, we work with educators, legislators, and stakeholders at the state and local levels to work to drive the policy changes that will create positive impact.

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About PDQ

Founded in 2011, award-winning PDQ - short for "People Dedicated to Quality" - offers chef-driven recipes and mindful ingredients typically found in a fine casual restaurant with the value, speed and convenience of the fast food and fast casual segment. Outback Steakhouse co-founder Bob Basham and MVP Holdings CEO Nick Reader are the two principal owners of PDQ. Beloved throughout the Southeast for its famous hand-breaded chicken tenders and signature sauces, PDQ also crafts delicious sandwiches, salads and hand-spun milkshakes fresh in store, every day. PDQ is committed to creating deep roots in its local communities and has given millions in dollars and in-kind donations to charities, schools, and organizations since its inception. On October 30, 2011, the original PDQ restaurant opened its doors in Tampa (FL) and the concept now has 62 locations in Florida, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina and South Carolina. For more information, visit www.eatPDQ.com.

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