

Papa's Pub & Eatery

The Why: Papa's Pub & Eatery, located in Dell Rapids, is one of the few sit-down full-service restaurants in the area. They offer "basic American fare" and global flavors in a family-friendly environment. The menu includes items such as hamburgers, hand-cut steaks, pasta dishes and salads, including a few creations by Ohayon that are called Papa's Originals. Owner/ Executive Chef David Ohayon and wife Rebecca started the new business 18 months ago, right before COVID-19 outbreak.



The How: Due to COVID-19, Papas Pub & Eatery did not have the funds to continue operation for an extended period of time without help.

The What: David and Rebecca Ohayon, owners of Papa's Pub and Eatery in Dell Rapids, worked with First Dakota Bank in Sioux Falls and were able to receive funding through the Paycheck Protection Program. The PPP allowed them to keep their doors open, keep their kitchen and front of house fully staffed, and continue to pay rent and utilities. Thanks to the PPP, Papa's Pub & Eatery was able to keep 15 employees so they could continue to provide for their families.

"David has dreamed about owning his own restaurant for years and it took about that long to convince him to finally take the plunge. We would be devastated if we had to close our doors permanently after less than 2 years open. The battle is not over by any means, but with the help of the SBA, we have faith and we are continuing to serve at the highest level. Full dining is now open, and we hope sales will continue to increase so we can get back to living our dream." -Rebecca Ohayon