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Foodshed Pizza & Pasta opening new outpost in Napa

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Chef Gio Guerrera shows an intern the ins-and-outs of tortellini

Since opening **Foodshed Pizza & Pasta** in Napa a year ago, **Gio Guerrera** has fielded a consistent request from customers:

Can you make your location more convenient? The industrial park near the Napa Airport isn't exactly an easy destination for everyone.

Wish granted. Guerrera has secured a second location on Old California Blvd. near Trancas St. in north Napa, and is planning to offer delivery service, too. Sweetening the **Foodshed Takeaway** space is a wine, craft beer and fine spirits shop.

But first – it seems every restaurant is doing this these days – he'd like folks to contribute to a 'Give-and-Get' program, so he can raise \$100,000 for the build-out of the new space and a November opening.

Rather than Kickstarter or other such plans, this idea is self-managed. Guests who purchase a Foodshed Takeaway gift card of \$500 or more by November 5 get an additional 25% in value. For example: Give \$500 and get a gift card worth \$625.

The airport store will remain open, too. That's partly because the restaurant operates culinary internship program, for at-risk youth and aspiring young chefs. Interns work at least 20 hours a week for three months, and receive a stipend, are reimbursed for the cost of their food handler's permit fee, then get job placement assistance.

Since the program's debut, more than two dozen graduates have secured employment in the local service industry (including the Foodshed kitchen).

Foodshed Pizza & Pasta: 630 Airpark Road, Napa; (707) 265-7760 or foodshedpizza.org. Also coming to 3385 Old California Way, Napa.

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