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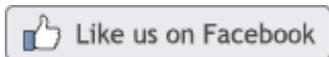
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Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims of the earthquake in Italy.

Un sincero abbraccio a tutte le vittime del terremoto in Italia.



Panna & Pomodoro

We welcome the Panna & Pomodoro as our newest Corporate Member.

Panna & Pomodoro is a young, dynamic company with a mission to bring the taste of authentic Italian Pizza to the table of every family. The best asset of Panna & Pomodoro is the artisanal and genuine quality of its products. This is today, and always will be, the pillar of their philosophy. Pizza Bases are the result of the perfect balance between the traditional recipe and carefully selected ingredients.

The advanced production method does not sacrifice the handcrafted work, necessary to keep the high quality of this products. The total absence of added preservatives makes this pizza a unique product. The fragrance, consistency and taste of Pizza Bases remain intact from the oven to your home, thanks to a modern packaging system.

Those who buy this product want a Pizza Base that is the perfect choice to easily prepare an authentic Italian Pizza, adding the cheese and toppings of their choice and being able to choose the best selection, considering the low quality of the toppings usually chosen for premade Pizzas.

Starting from this year, Panna & Pomodoro are importing their products into the U.S.A., opening an office in Arlington, VA. They also have a partner-distributor for the West Coast in Sacramento.



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Thanksgiving's Day Parade 2016

The holidays are a beautiful time to visit the city of Philadelphia and truly experience the warmth the city has to offer. There is no better way to start the season than by watching the oldest Thanksgiving day parade in the country. This year will mark the 96th year that thousands of people gather in the streets to witness the magic. The 1.4 mile parade has something to offer for everyone with live performances, massive balloons, vibrant floats, celebrity appearances and of course concludes with a special visit from Santa! In 2007 the parade even made history by presenting the first ever parade float equipped with its very own ice rink!

The parade is broadcast on television live around the United States so everyone can share in the magic, however it is a completely difference experience in person. Many parade goers dress in festive and wacky outfits and there are stands set up throughout the city for hot drinks and snacks. Some favorite locations include the steps of the Philadelphia museum of art, the Benjamin Franklin parkway or Logan Circle.

This spectacle is truly a celebration that brings the community together. An essential part of celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday in Philadelphia is giving back and helping those in need. This is why for 25 years the parade has been partnering with local organizations to arrange a huge food drive. In recent years they have been able to collect as much as 120,000 pounds (around 54,000 kilograms) of food to donate to those in need through the non-profit organization, Philabundance.

[Click here to see the program](#)



Discover Bolzano

Bolzano is the capital city of the province of South Tyrol in Northern Italy. With a population of 105,713, Bolzano is also by far the largest city in South Tyrol.

In 2014 version of the annual ranking of quality of life in Italian cities, Bolzano was ranked as having the 1st Best Quality of Life in Italy.

After the dissolution of the Holy Roman Empire in 1806, Bolzano became briefly part of the Napoleonic Kingdom of Italy and was incorporated into the Dipartimento Alto Adige. After the Congress of Vienna (1814-15) Bolzano returned to the County of Tyrol, within the Austrian Empire and subsequently the Dual Monarchy of Austria-Hungary in 1866. The County covered both modern-day South Tyrol and the Federal States of Tyrol and East Tyrol in Austria.

In 1915, the Triple Entente powers promised Italy territorial gains if she would enter the First World War on the side of the Entente instead of siding with the German Empire and Austria-Hungary. When Italy abandoned the Triple Alliance (1882), the Entente offered her territorial promises in Tyrol and Istria. Italian control of South Tyrol was internationally recognized in 1919. At the time of Bolzano's annexation by the Kingdom of Italy the town was settled primarily by a German-speaking population. As of 1910, 29,000 inhabitants identified themselves as German speakers and only 1,300 as Italian speakers, these latter ones mainly from the Italian speaking areas of Tyrol, namely Welschtirol, currently known as Trentino.

After the Second World War, independence movements gained popularity among the German-Tyrolean population in Bolzano and South Tyrol. In the 1960s a series of terrorist attacks and assassinations were carried out by the South Tyrolean Liberation Committee - a German secessionist movement - against Italian police and electric power structures, after which the United Nations intervened to enforce the start of bilateral negotiations between Italy and Austria. After 11 years of mediation and negotiation the two counties reached an agreement that would guarantee self-government to the newly created Autonomous Province of South Tyrol.

In 1996, the European Union approved further cultural and economic integration between the Austrian province of Tyrol and the Italian autonomous provinces of South Tyrol and Trentino (Welschtirol) by recognizing the creation of the Euro Region of Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino.

The city thrives on a mix of old and new high-quality intensive agriculture (including wine, fruit, and dairy products), tourism, traditional handicraft (wood, ceramics), and advanced services. Heavy industry (machinery, automotive, and steel) installed during the 1930s has now been mostly dismantled. The local economy is very dependent on the public sector and especially the provincial government. Bolzano is the biggest city in South Tyrol, which is an autonomous province in Northern Italy with a special statute. This statute preserves the rights of the German-speaking minority in Italy.

