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NEWS RELEASE

## Dot Foods Donates \$10,000 to Ophelia's Place

Liverpool distribution center helps fund new café at nonprofit organization

LIVERPOOL, N.Y. – Dot Foods Inc.'s Liverpool distribution center donated \$10,000 yesterday to local nonprofit Ophelia's Place to help fund a new café that will provide a revenue source for the organization. The donation will help offset equipment costs and prepare Café at 407 for its opening in six weeks.

"Dot Foods' generous donation to Ophelia's Place reflects its commitment to community," said Mary Ellen Clausen, executive director of Ophelia's Place. "This grant plays a significant role in the opening of Café at 407, a place that encourages 'neighborhoodness' and will ultimately provide sustainability to our organization. We are so very grateful."

Ophelia's Place is a 4,500-square-foot resource center that provides a place for all of those impacted by eating disorders to receive education, outreach, support and a fresh cup of coffee and chocolate. The organization has designated 1,500 square feet for a café in hopes it will enhance a sense of community and provide a creative way to fund the nonprofit.



Brian Hall, general manager, Dot Foods; Mary Ellen Clausen, Ophelia's Place; and Molly Barber, HR manager, Dot Foods with the \$10,000 check from Dot Foods.

Dot presented the \$10,000 check to Ophelia's Place on Thursday, Sept. 17. "As the nation's largest food redistributor, we are thrilled to support an organization that teaches people about healthy eating habits," said Molly Barber. "This education is vital to preventing eating disorders of all kinds."

Founded in 2002, Ophelia's Place is a non-profit organization committed to empowering individuals, families and communities to redefine beauty and health through initiatives that increase self-esteem, improve body image and introduce alternatives to dangerous desires for perfection; and to providing outreach, advocacy and educational

services to those impacted by eating disorders, disordered eating and body dissatisfaction. To find out more about Ophelia's Place, visit [www.opheliasplace.org](http://www.opheliasplace.org).

Dot Foods Inc. carries 83,000 products from 500 food industry manufacturers and is the largest food redistributor in the United States. Dot Foods and Dot Transportation sell and deliver foodservice, convenience, retail, vending, equipment and supplies to leading distributors in all 50 states. Dot Foods operates nine distribution centers in: Modesto, Calif.; Vidalia, Ga.; Burley, Idaho; Mt. Sterling, Ill.; Joliet, Ill.; Cambridge City, Ind.; Williamsport, Md.; Liverpool, N.Y.; and Ardmore, Okla. For information, visit [www.dotfoods.com](http://www.dotfoods.com).

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Editor's Note: Dot Foods is located at 200 Monarch Drive, Liverpool, NY 13088.

Ophelia's Place is located at 407 Tulip St., Liverpool, NY 13088.