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Thoughts on the passing of Joe Bartolotta

**A statement from Common Council President
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It is with a heavy heart that the City of Milwaukee remembers the life of Joe Bartolotta and his impact on our City. Not only did he create a cuisine empire that offers some of the finest food we have to offer, but he also created beautiful spaces to gather and grow together as a community. From galas to fundraisers, Bartolotta spaces have elevated the work of countless individuals and organizations. His support has made the restaurants that bear his name synonymous with the positive work happening in our community.

This is just one way in which we saw Joe's heart for the City extend far beyond the kitchen. As a member of the Wisconsin Restaurant Association's Kitchen Cabinet, he sought for ways to use his culinary gifts to bring joy and support to some of the most distressed areas of our community. We have lost a Milwaukee giant, and the entire City mourns with the Bartolotta Family during this time.

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