

# RAGÚ<sup>®</sup> AND LASAGNA LOVE PARTNER TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL LASAGNA DAY BY EMPOWERING EVERYONE TO BRING COMFORT TO THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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**MOUNT PROSPECT, III., JULY 15, 2025 /PRNewswire/ - - National Lasagna Day,** the popular holiday honoring the quintessential Italian pasta comfort dish, is happening on **Tuesday, July 29**. To join in the celebration, iconic sauce brand **RAGÚ**<sup>®</sup> has teamed up once again with global nonprofit and grassroots movement **Lasagna Love** to extend the reach of the organization's National Lasagna Day program and help fight the growing hunger crisis unfolding in local communities.

This year, the RAGÚ brand is expanding its support by sponsoring volunteer-led events in six cities across the United States, including Atlanta, Raleigh, Lancaster (PA), Chicago, Paramus (NJ), and Los Angeles. The events offer an opportunity to bring neighbors together to create a network of personal connection and kindness, reinforcing a sense of community and offering support—one homemade lasagna at a time.

"We believe that a simple act of kindness, like creating a home-cooked meal for someone, can make a big impact but it doesn't have to require hours of prep work," said Megan Frank, Senior Vice President, Marketing, Mizkan America, Inc., the maker of RAGÚ. "Our RAGÚ<sup>®</sup> Kettle Cooked sauces can help make it easy to prepare a delicious lasagna for family, friends or someone in your community."

Slow simmered in large kettles, RAGÚ Kettle Cooked Sauces are crafted from premium ingredients like slow-simmered tomatoes, real onion, basil and fresh garlic. Available in three delicious flavors including Roasted Garlic, Marinara and Tomato Basil, these sauces can be used to create a wide range of dishes, including pasta, dips, soups, snacks and more that make meals taste like they took all day to create, but without the effort. RAGÚ Kettle Cooked Sauces are also Non-GMO Project Verified with no added sugar. RAGÚ Kettle Cooked Sauces are available in 24-ounce jars at select retailers across the U.S., including Publix, Meijer, Kroger and more. <u>Visit www.RAGU.com</u> for lasagna recipes and more recipe inspiration.



This year, Lasagna Love aims to feed 50,000 neighbors in need over the course of National Lasagna Day events nationwide, while also growing its volunteer community and raising critical funds to support their mission of scaling kindness and community-led impact.

"For us, lasagna is about so much more than pasta — it's about people," said Andria Larson, executive director of Lasagna Love. "Each lasagna we deliver represents hope, dignity and a personal connection. We are proud to work with RAGÚ for a fourth year to show how simple acts of kindness — like preparing and sharing a warm meal — can truly have the ability to change lives."

As a partner in RAGÚ "Nonna Approved!" campaign, beloved grandmother and food influencer, Nonna Antoinette, also known as Antoinette Gangi of <u>Antoinette's Italian Kitchen</u>, will join in the volunteer event effort in her hometown of Paramus, NJ on July 17 to help spread the word on social media.

"I always say that lasagna is a gift from the heart," said Nonna Antoinette. "You can easily double or triple your lasagna recipe and freeze portions to share later with neighbors, friends or anyone who could use a warm meal. Don't be afraid to personalize it with your family's favorite ingredients — that's what makes it special."

To sign up or learn more about Lasagna Love and how you can help your local community, visit <u>www.lasagnalove.org</u>. Follow this recipe for RAGÚ Three Cheese Beef Lasagna to get started today:

## RAGÚ Three Cheese Beef Lasagna

Prep Time: 20 Minutes

Cook Time: 45 minutes

Servings: 4

### Ingredients:

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 jar RAGÚ<sup>®</sup> Kettle Cooked Roasted Garlic Sauce
- 1 container (15 oz.) part-skim Ricotta cheese



- 2 c. shredded part-skim Mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 c. grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 2 eggs
- 12 lasagna noodles, cooked and drained

### Instructions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375° F. Brown ground beef in a 12-inch skillet; drain. Stir in sauce; heat through.
- 2. Combine ricotta cheese, mozzarella cheese, 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese and eggs in a large bowl; set aside.
- 3. Evenly spread 1 cup meat sauce in a 13 x 9-inch baking dish. Layer 4 lasagna noodles, then 1 cup meat sauce and 1/2 of the ricotta cheese mixture; repeat. Top with remaining 4 noodles and sauce. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove foil and sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese. Bake uncovered for an additional 5 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.



Lasagna Love is a global grassroots movement fueled by radical generosity. Its mission is simple: feed families, spread kindness, and strengthen communities. Through a neighbor-to-neighbor model, volunteers deliver warm, home-cooked meals to families in need—no questions asked, no judgment, just love. Since 2020, Lasagna Love has grown into a network of 80,000 volunteers across four countries. In just five years, the organization has delivered more than 530,000 meals and impacted over 2.3 million lives—proving that when compassion is personal, it's powerful. Lasagna Love is breaking down barriers to asking for help and redefining how communities care for one another—one lasagna at a time. Join the movement at <u>www.lasagnalove.org</u>.

## About The RAGÚ<sup>®</sup> Brand

The RAGÚ<sup>®</sup> brand was founded in 1937 by Assunta and Giovani Cantisano and their sauce was originally sold from their home in Rochester, New York. Assunta carried her family's recipe from Italy when she immigrated to New York in 1914, and it has now been enjoyed by American families for almost 90 years. With a wide selection of sauce varieties ranging from the beloved Old-World Style to the Chunky line, cheese sauces, Simply, and Kettle Cooked, RAGÚ sauce can empower anyone to create "Nonna-Approved" recipes, regardless of gender or culinary skill. Today, RAGÚ sauce is the go-to pasta sauce for families coming together to share a quick and delicious meal. For the very latest news, recipes and more from the RAGÚ brand, please check out the brand at <u>www.RAGÚ.com</u>. You can also follow along on <u>Instagram, Pinterest, Facebook</u> and <u>TikTok</u>.

#### **About Mizkan**

Based in Mount Prospect, IL, Mizkan America, Inc., is the US operating company of the Mizkan Group, a global, family-owned company that has been Bringing Flavor To Life<sup>™</sup> for more than 220 years, always guided by the company's Two Principles (Offer customers only the finest products; and Continuously challenge the status quo). As one of the leading makers of condiments and sauces in the United States, Mizkan America maintains 12 manufacturing facilities that serve the retail, foodservice, specialty Asian and food-ingredient trade channels. Since their U.S. debut in 1977, Mizkan America has experienced



dramatic growth and their portfolio now includes a wide variety of vinegars, Italian and Asian sauces, cooking wines, wine reductions and sushi seasoning. Mizkan America brands include: RAGÚ<sup>®</sup>, Bertolli<sup>®</sup>, Holland House<sup>®</sup>, Nakano<sup>®</sup>, Mizkan<sup>®</sup> and Born Simple<sup>®</sup>. Mizkan America is also the exclusive distributor/sales agent for Angostura<sup>®</sup> bitters in North America. For more information, go to: www.mizkan.com and www.mizkanholdings.com/en/.

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