



Chelo's newest restaurant mixes dine-in with drive-thru

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In 1955 the Chelo family built their first restaurant in Cumberland. Now, over 40 years later, Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille is Rhode Island's largest family-owned restaurant chain.

The company currently has 10 restaurants throughout the state. Among those locations is Chelo's Good-To-Go located on Airport Road. Good-To-Go is Chelo's newest concept and the first of more to come throughout the state.

"It is unlike any other Rhode Island restaurant," said owner Glenn Chelo at yesterday's grand opening.

At Good-To-Go customers can eat in, drive through or take out the same quality award-winning food that Chelo's is known for. Good-To-Go offers a wide array of menu selections that have been adapted from the full service locations that include fresh burgers and sandwiches, soups, chowder and salads with homemade dressings, desserts and daily specials. All food is prepared in minutes ensuring faster service and, more importantly, convenience.

"We think this concept will work extremely well," said Chelo. "We're applying the same standards to the food we serve here as we do at our full service restaurants. This is food you can trust."

Over four years of planning went into the development of Good-To-Go. The Chelo's company worked hand in hand with Cobalt Industries, a construction and project management firm, as they designed a facility that would provide quick service and quality to its customers.

"The owners of Chelo's have high standards in every aspect of their company, including their buildings," said Jon Daskam of Cobalt Industries. "This building is of high quality. It's built to last."



OFFICIALLY OPEN: Even though Chelo's Good-To-Go on Airport Road has been open for months, a grand opening with a ribbon cutting was held Wednesday morning. From left, John Laquale, Gary Chelo, Glenn Chelo, Mayor Scott Avedisian, Craig Chelo, Jim Bromage and Jon Daskam get ready to cut the ribbon at Chelo's. (*Warwick Beacon photo by Diana Thovmasian*)

Good-To-Go is Chelo's third location in Warwick. Nearly 200 jobs will be created as a result of the opening of Good-To-Go, the Warwick Mall location and the seasonal opening of the waterfront location.

"I'd like to thank Chelo's for their constant faith and interest in the City of Warwick," said Mayor Scott Avedisian yesterday at the ceremony. "They've contributed some wonderful establishments to the city."

Chelo's is continuing with their growth plan, which includes additional Good-To-Go locations throughout Rhode Island. Future sites are being evaluated through Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts.

"This is something we've wanted to do for awhile," said Chelo. "For a dream like this to come to fruition is very satisfying and gratifying for all of us."