#RestaurantsWork



"In my case, it's about the restart of a new career, that allows for a returning workforce to use their years of life experience in a whole new way. **Ultimately, the restaurant industry is a building block to the American Dream**, a land of opportunity for anyone who wants to reach out and grab it. I'm living proof of that."

Marla Topliff

President, Rosati's Pizza



Elgin, Illinois

ILLINOIS RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE:

515,600 Illinoisans In 2014, restaurants account for 515, 600 jobs in Illinois — 9% of employment in the state.

1 in 3 Americans begin their working careers in the restaurant industry

1 in 2 adults have worked in the restaurant industry

