# CHIPOTLE PREMIERES "UNFOLDED" - AN ANIMATED SHORT FILM FEATURING A COVER BY HALSEY ALONGSIDE \$2 MILLION DONATION TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE AG

- "Unfolded" highlights ways Chipotle's Food With Integrity principles could help Cultivate a Better World
- As part of previously announced commitments, Chipotle has pledged\$2 million across leading universities to support educational programs that advance the future of farming
- Earlier today, Chipotle became the first restaurant brand to premiere a national TV ad in the metaverse, giving free entrees to the first 50.000 users who view the ad on Roblox
- GRAMMY®-nominated singer/songwriter Halsey reimagined "She's a Rainbow," as music to the film

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., Feb. 26, 2025 / PRNewswire/ -- Chipotle Mexican Grill (NYSE: CMG) today announced the debut of a new short film, "Unfolded," which showcases sustainable agriculture comparable to Chipotle's Food With Integrity principles. Earlier today, Chipotle premiered the film as a national TV ad on Roblox to showcase the importance of the farming community that grows real ingredients like those served in Chipotle's restaurants. Chipotle is the first restaurant brand to unveil a national TV ad in the metaverse.

"Unfolded" can be viewed on Roblox here: <a href="www.roblox.com/chipotle">www.roblox.com/chipotle</a> or on YouTube here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">https://www.youtube.com/watch?</a> v=3hR Mbe--sk.

In conjunction with the film and as part of the commitment it announced in 2021 to contribute\$5 million to support young farmers, Chipotle is donating \$2 million across four leading universities, The Ohio State University, Cal State Monterey Bay, Colorado State University and the University of Florida, to support the future of farming. These donations are funded from Chipotle's initiative to contribute 5% of profits from its sales of Tractor Beverages to support farmers.

# **Unfolding A Better World**

Inspired by the company's purpose to Cultivate a Better World, "Unfolded" brings viewers through an animated world, diving into a Chipotle bag that unfolds into a paper world. The short film depicts industrial farms transformed into vibrant, polyculture farms with diverse and organic crops, symbolizing Chipotle's efforts to support farmers who prioritize sustainable agricultural practices. The brand serves Responsibly Raised® proteins, and dairy from pasture-raised cows, as seen from an allegorical Chipotle truck moving through farmland on its way to its final destination. The film, created by Venables Bell & Partners, ends with fresh, colorful produce being delivered to a Chipotle restaurant that is prepared fresh every day to nourish the community it resides in.

"Unfolded" is brought to life by GRAMMY®-nominated singer/songwriter Halsey's rendition of "She's a Rainbow."

"I had a blast collaborating with Chipotle on this creative piece that brings attention to sustainable agriculture and allowed me to cover such an iconic song in the process," said Halsey.

## **Funding the Future of Sustainable Agriculture**

Chipotle created "Unfolded" to generate awareness for the future of sustainable agriculture. The short film displays agrivoltaics, the practice of using land for both agriculture and solar energy production, which is an example of an initiative the brand is supporting with its \$2 million pledge.

Projects that will be supported by Chipotle's four \$500,000 contributions include:

- The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences is establishing an agrivoltaics pilot program by integrating solar panels with crop production to generate both electricity and agricultural commodities.
- Cal State Monterey Bay College of Science is constructing a state-of-the-art greenhouse, which will conduct lab research, including for Chipotle's innovative agriculture projects, over the next three to five years.
- Colorado State University College of Agricultural Sciences will establish the Chipotle Future of Farming Fund at the Spur Campus in Denver to facilitate opportunities for K-12 students to explore careers in agriculture and research, and to explore solutions to food system challenges.
- University of Florida College of Agricultural and Life Sciences is providing two-year charitable research grants to four graduate students pursuing sustainable agriculture projects that are focused on efforts to advance the future of food.

These donations are part of Chipotle's larger commitment to give\$5 million by the end of 2025 to support the future of farming, which Chipotle funds via its initiative to contribute 5% of profits from its sales of Tractor Beverage products to support farmers. Through these donations, Chipotle intends to cultivate the next generation of farmers and support breakthrough sustainable agriculture projects.

"How we grow our food is how we grow our future," saidChris Brandt, Chief Brand Officer, Chipotle. "As a brand dedicated to agriculture that is good for both people and the planet, Chipotle is always exploring opportunities to advance the industry and

support farmers. These impactful projects, headed by some of the brightest minds in ag innovation, create optimism for widespread adoption of sustainable agriculture and the future of real food."

Through March 31, guests in the U.S. can round up their order total to the next highest dollar amount on the Chipotle app and Chipotle.com to support the Chipotle Cultivate Foundation, which extends Chipotle's commitment to make real food accessible to all, including by providing scholarships to students enrolled in programs focused on sustainable food and agriculture.

#### 'Unfolded' Premiere in the Metaverse

Chipotle premiered "Unfolded" on Roblox today at 7 a.m. PT in the virtual Carnitas Cinema within the Chipotle Burrito Builder experience. The brand created an immersive delivery side quest that rewards users with an admission ticket to watch the new short film inside the Carnitas Cinema. Up to the first 50,000 users who watch the film inside the immersive experience will be rewarded with a free entrée code<sup>1</sup> valid for users in the U.S. and Canada on the Chipotle app, Chipotle.com and Chipotle.ca.

### How It Works

- 1. Roblox users will meet a Chipotle employee in the virtual Carnitas Cinema in Chipotle's <u>Burrito Builder</u> world, who will instruct users to begin a quest to deliver a Chipotle order.
- 2. Users must deliver the order to its destination to earn their first reward: an admission ticket to view "Unfolded" in the Carnitas Cinema.
- 3. Up to the first 50,000 Roblox users who successfully complete the task and watch the "Unfolded" film in the Carnitas Cinema will earn a free entrée code<sup>1</sup> that can be used at checkout on the Chipotle app, Chipotle.com or Chipotle.ca.

Chipotle's Burrito Builder can be accessed at: www.roblox.com/chipotle.

Additional assets are available here: https://www.dropbox.com/home/Chipotle%20Unfolded

1 – 50,000 free Chipotle entrée codes avail. US & CAN, 13+. Codes expire 3/27/25. Full terms chipotle.com/roblox-premiere

# **ABOUT CHIPOTLE**

Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. (NYSE: CMG) is cultivating a better world by serving responsibly sourced, classically-cooked, real food with wholesome ingredients without artificial colors, flavors or preservatives. There are over 3,700 restaurants as of December 31, 2024, in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Kuwait, and United Arab Emirates and it is the only restaurant company of its size that owns and operates all its restaurants in North America and Europe. Chipotle is ranked on the Fortune 500 and is recognized on Fortune's Most Admired Companies 2025 list and Time Magazine's Most Influential Companies. With over 130,000 employees passionate about providing a great guest experience, Chipotle is a longtime leader and innovator in the food industry. Chipotle is committed to making its food more accessible to everyone while continuing to be a brand with a demonstrated purpose as it leads the way in digital, technology and sustainable business practices. For more information or to place an order online, visit CHIPOTLE.COM.

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