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**CASA DE AMPARO HOSTS 26th ANNUAL MEET THE CHEFS EVENT TO
HELP FIGHT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

San Marcos, Calif. - March 5, 2023 – Nearly 350 food enthusiasts and passionate community supporters will gather to attend [Casa de Amparo's](#) 26th Annual Meet the Chefs on Sunday, April 30, 2023, at the Hilton Del Mar. The popular event raises over \$150,000 annually to benefit Casa de Amparo's programs that serve foster youth in San Diego County.

"Every child deserves a safe and nurturing home free from abuse and neglect. Meet the Chefs is a powerful demonstration of how our community can unite to create a positive impact in the lives of children who have suffered through unimaginable trauma," says Mike Barnett, CEO of Casa de Amparo. "Through the remarkable efforts of local chefs, community members, volunteers, and staff, we can make a meaningful difference and give these children the hope and support they need to heal and thrive."

Guests can enjoy unlimited samples of signature tastings crafted by chefs from premier, local restaurants. Complimentary wine, beer and champagne will also be served. Participating restaurants and chefs include:

Chef Mary Platis, from Ethos Culinary
CoastalkITCHEN at the Hilton Del Mar
D'litiful Chocolat
Dolce Pane E Vino
Food By Chef Ty
Lutchi and Mary
Pamplemousse Grille
The Privateer Coal Fire Pizza
Tommy V's Urban Kitchen
Vista Valley Country Club

With more to come!

Meet the Chefs will be held poolside at the Hilton Del Mar, 15575 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014. The VIP reception will be held from 12:30 pm–1:30 pm and the main event from 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm. Tickets are available for \$150 for general admission or \$250 for VIP access and can be purchased at <https://www.casadeamparo.org/Meet-the-Chefs>.

Event proceeds will benefit foster youth age 12-18 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Casa de Amparo's programs support these youth by providing them access to critical services including housing, healthcare, and mental health support. Casa de Amparo hopes to

empower their residents to heal and thrive by giving them the tools and resources they need to build a brighter future for themselves.

Tickets are available for purchase at <https://www.casadeamparo.org/Meet-the-Chefs>. Please contact Bella Latrach at bella@casadeamparo.org for more information on the event or call (760) 566-3559.

ABOUT CASA DE AMPARO

Established in 1978, [Casa de Amparo](#) (Home of Protection) is recognized as a leader in treating and preventing child abuse and neglect in San Diego County and beyond, with locations in Oceanside and San Marcos. The nonprofit organization annually serves Casa Kids, from prenatal to 25 years old through two integrated programs that promote healing, growth, and healthy relationships. These programs include [Residential Services](#) and [New Directions](#).

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