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Casa de Amparo Presents the 27th Annual Meet the Chefs Event to Help Fight Child Abuse and Neglect

San Marcos, Calif. – March 5, 2024 – Nearly 350 food enthusiasts and passionate community supporters will gather to taste, sip, and savor at <u>Casa de Amparo's</u> 27th Annual Meet the Chefs on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at the Hilton Del Mar. The popular event brings together local chefs to raise over \$150,000 annually to benefit Casa de Amparo's transformative programs that serve foster youth in San Diego County.

"We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our local chefs and the community for joining forces in our commitment to support the children and young adults under our care," says Kathy Karpé, CEO of Casa de Amparo. "Addressing the recovery from abuse and neglect is a collective effort that extends beyond our organization."

Guests will enjoy unlimited samples of signature tastings crafted by chefs from premier local restaurants. Complimentary wine, beer, and champagne will also be served. The VIP wine pour and reception will be hosted by DAOU Vineyards and Pamplemousse Grille. Participating restaurants and chefs include:

CoastalKITCHEN at the Hilton Del Mar
Dolce Pane E Vino
Food Diego
Food By Chef Ty
Jimbo's
Golden Door Country Store
Pamplemousse Grille
The Privateer Coal Fire Pizza
Food By Chef D
Tommy V's Urban Kitchen
Casa de Amparo's Kitchen
The Havens Country Club
With more to come!

Meet the Chefs will take place 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 directly benefit foster youth aged 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, <u>Casa de Amparo</u> (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 <u>Residential Services</u> and <u>New Directions</u>.

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