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## Casa de Amparo Presents the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meet the Chefs Event Supporting the Fight Against Child Abuse and Neglect

**San Marcos, Calif.** – March 28, 2025 – <u>Casa de Amparo's</u> 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meet the Chefs event will bring together nearly 300 food enthusiasts and San Diego's finest chefs for an unforgettable culinary experience on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at the Hilton Del Mar. This highly anticipated event, which raises over \$150,000 annually, supports Casa de Amparo's transformative programs for foster youth in San Diego County.

"Meet the Chefs brings us together in celebration of food and philanthropy, highlighting our incredible community that shares our commitment to helping foster youth," says Kathy Karpé, CEO of Casa de Amparo. "This event is a reflection of the generosity and dedication of those who believe in creating lasting change for children in need."

This year, a new addition to the event will be the Pre-Event Reception, starting at 1:00 pm. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres from Pamplemousse Grille, along with fine wines and champagne provided by Vinera Wine Society. The reception will feature a silent auction and exclusive wine auction, allowing attendees to bid on rare, curated selections before the Chef's Tastings event begins at 2:30 pm. The main event will include unlimited tastings from premier local chefs, a live auction, and live music, all set poolside at the Hilton Del Mar.

Participating restaurants and chefs include:

- CoastalKITCHEN at the Hilton Del Mar
- Dave's Hot Chicken
- Dolce Pan E Vino
- Food Diego Catering
- Food By Chef Ty
- Golden Door Country Store
- Jimbo's Naturally
- Krisp Beverages + Natural Foods
- Pamplemousse Grille
- Melograno Premium Craft Cocktails
- Short Stop Mediterranean Cuisine
- Tommy V's Urban Kitchen
- Casa de Amparo's Kitchen
- The Havens Country Club
- Urban Plates

The event will take place poolside at the Hilton Del Mar, 15575 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014. The Pre-Event Reception will run from 1:00-2:30 pm and Chef's Tastings will be from 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Tickets are available for \$200 and can be purchased at <a href="https://www.casadeamparo.org/Meet-the-Chefs">https://www.casadeamparo.org/Meet-the-Chefs</a>.

Proceeds from the event will benefit foster youth aged 12-18 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. These essential programs provide youth with 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.

For ticket purchases and more information, visit <a href="https://www.casadeamparo.org/Meet-the-Chefs">https://www.casadeamparo.org/Meet-the-Chefs</a>. Please contact Bella Latrach at <a href="bella@casadeamparo.org">bella@casadeamparo.org</a> 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 a leader in treating and preventing child abuse and neglect in San Diego County and beyond. With locations in Oceanside and San Marcos, Casa de Amparo serves vulnerable youth, from prenatal to 25 years old, through two core programs: <u>Residential Services</u> and <u>New Directions</u>. These programs focus on promoting healing, growth, and healthy relationships.

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