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Salt + Lime Modern Mexican Grill Supports Local Foster Nonprofit through 'Chips for Charity' Program

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation Named July Beneficiary

PHOENIX — <u>Salt + Lime Modern Mexican Grill</u>, a beloved Valley staple with locations in Scottsdale and Cave Creek, is supporting local nonprofit <u>Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation</u> through its Chips for Charity program throughout July. Funding will be used to bolster AFFCF's Childhood Activities fund, which financially supports enriching moments of joy for youth up to age 20.

Through the Chips for Charity initiative, the Mexican restaurant will offer customers unlimited chips and salsa for \$5, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit AFFCF. The Childhood Activities fund covers the cost of a multitude of academic and extracurricular opportunities, covering everything from the costs of instrument rentals, field trips and summer camps to bicycles, books and special event clothing. The fund is available to foster youth and their families year-round.

"We need to do our part as a local restaurant and give back to our community," said Salt + Lime Modern Mexican Grill owner Sandra Van Deraa. "It's an honor to partner with AFFCF for these kids to experience joy through exploring new hobbies, attending social functions like summer camps, and overall having the chance to just be kids."

Salt + Lime's Chips for Charity supports a local nonprofit each month and has partnered with organizations like Arizona Special Olympics, Miracle League of Arizona, Treasure House and Nicole Hazen Fund For Hope. The initiative raises between \$2,000 and \$5,000, and the benefiting charity is presented with a check of the final amount raised at the end of the month. AFFCF will receive its check at the end of July.

"AFFCF is grateful to be named the beneficiary for Salt + Lime's July fundraising campaign. Chips for Charity will help afford foster youth the same opportunities for a memorable summer vacation as a child with a more traditional support system, which is important for nurturing a positive self-image in children already contending with the turbulence of entering foster care," said Sophia Campbell, director of development and philanthropy at AFFCF. "Attending summer camp alongside their peers and being able to talk about what they did over summer vacation upon returning to school in the fall is so important, as it provides a sense of normality for these kids. Additionally, the Childhood Activities Fund helps keep youth engaged over summer vacation, reducing the chance of summer learning loss."

AFFCF is a Phoenix-based 501c3 empowering Arizona's foster youth through funding services that enrich, educate and empower their lives, ensuring a successful transition into adulthood. To view AFFCF's full resource database for foster parents and guardians, financial assistance services, scholarships for foster youth and more, visit <u>affcf.org.</u>





Salt + Lime is set to continue its growth with the opening of a third location in the Arcadia neighborhood of Phoenix, slated for this summer. For more information about Salt + Lime Modern Mexican Grill and to stay up to date on its latest offerings, visit www.saltandlimeaz.com or follow the restaurant on Instagram @saltandlimeaz.

About AFFCF

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (AFFCF) provides foster care support by closing critical funding and service gaps. AFFCF has over 40 years of experience ensuring Arizona's foster care population can participate in the same activities as their nonfoster care peers, achieve self-sufficiency through employment, education, and housing programs and pursue post-secondary success. AFFCF is dedicated to changing the story of foster care in Arizona and qualifies for the Arizona Foster Care Tax Credit. Visit affcf.org for more information.

About Salt + Lime Modern Mexican Grill

Salt + Lime Modern Mexican Grill offers a fresh and innovative take on traditional Mexican cuisine. Known for its vibrant atmosphere and deliciously creative dishes, Salt + Lime is a staple dining destination for those seeking bold flavors and memorable dining experiences. The restaurant serves up a variety of authentic Mexican dishes, as well as signature creations that bring new twists to classic recipes while still staying true to tradition.

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