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**LARK CREEK RESTAURANT GROUP TO HOLD ANNUAL "GINGERBREAD WISHES" EVENT THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER TO BENEFIT THE GREATER BAY AREA MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION®**

*Each Restaurant Welcomes Guests to Decorate their Own Gingerbread Cookies to Celebrate the Season of Giving*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (September 9, 2009)— The Lark Creek Restaurant Group will hold their Annual "Gingerbread Wishes" event this November to benefit the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation®.

Each restaurant in the Group\* will offer a star-shaped, fresh-baked and iced gingerbread cookie on their dessert menu for \$10.00, which will be served tableside with a decorating kit including sprinkles and candies, with **100% of the proceeds benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation**. Designed by One Market Restaurant Pastry Chef Patti Dellamonica-Bauler, the cookies can be enjoyed in each restaurant or guests can take them home gift-wrapped, knowing that they are celebrating in the holiday spirit by giving to a worthy cause.

In 2007, the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Gingerbread Wishes" event raised \$12,680 for the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation and in 2008, the event raised more than \$20,000. Lark Creek Restaurant Group will be honored by the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation on September 16 as one of their "Heroes" of 2009 for their fundraising efforts through "Gingerbread Wishes."

"We are thrilled to be honored by the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation and excited to kick off the holiday season again with our partnership," says Lark Creek Restaurant Group Co-Founder, President and CEO Michael Dellar. "It's extremely rewarding to be able to put together a program with our restaurants that directly benefits children in our community with life-threatening medical conditions."

The Group was inspired to work with the organization after Lark Creek CFO Jon Gologorsky's niece, suffering from Leukemia, was granted a "wish" through the Make-A-Wish Foundation for a garden in her backyard to look at through her bedroom window.

"Our partnership with the Lark Creek Restaurant Group shows the incredible impact one wish can have on a community," says Patricia Wilson, Executive Director of the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation. "Three years ago Rebecca's wish to have a healing garden inspired this creative and heartwarming program, which encourages restaurant guests to think of children who are in need at this time of year. We are so grateful to the Lark Creek Restaurant Group for their ongoing support in helping to grant magical wishes."

\*Lark Creek Restaurant Group's participating Bay Area restaurants include The Tavern at Lark Creek in Larkspur; One Market Restaurant and LarkCreekSteak in San Francisco; Lark Creek Walnut Creek; and Yankee Pier in Larkspur, Lafayette and at Santana Row in San Jose.

**NOTE TO EDITORS:** Photos are available. Please contact Carissa Remitz, Wagstaff Worldwide, at 415.274.2510.

#### **ABOUT LARK CREEK RESTAURANT GROUP**

Lark Creek Restaurant Group, founded by award-winning industry veterans Michael Dellar, Leslye Dellar, Chef Bradley Ogden and Jody Ogden, is a leader in creating and operating unique, high-quality restaurants that feature seasonal farm-fresh fare, extensive wine and spirits offerings, caring, professional service and excellent value. Like most good things, the Lark Creek Restaurant Group grew organically and locally—starting in 1989 with The Lark Creek Inn and evolving into a portfolio of 10 restaurants, which today includes: One Market Restaurant and LarkCreekSteak in San Francisco; Lark Creek Walnut Creek; Yankee Pier in Larkspur, Lafayette, at Santana Row in San Jose and at San Francisco International Airport; Parcel 104 in Santa Clara; Bradley Ogden at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas; and The Tavern at Lark Creek in Larkspur.

#### **ABOUT THE GREATER BAY AREA MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION®:**

The Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. In 2009 the Foundation celebrates 25 years of fulfilling magical wishes. During its first year of operation, in 1984, the Foundation granted 27 wishes. Now one of the largest chapters nationwide, the Greater Bay Area chapter grants over 300 wishes per year and recently fulfilled its 5,000<sup>th</sup> wish. The chapter covers 17 Northern California counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Marin, Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Siskiyou, Solano and Sonoma. The goal of the Foundation is to grant a wish to every eligible child in its territory, and anyone can suggest a child for a wish. In 2005, the Chapter was recognized with a coveted "Best in America Seal of Excellence" award, the first Make-A-Wish Chapter to achieve this distinction for its outstanding management and governance practices. Of the 1,000,000 charities operating in the United States today, it is estimated that fewer than 50,000, or 5 percent, meet or exceed these standards, and, of those, fewer than 2,000 have been awarded this Seal. For more information or to refer a child for a wish, please call 415/982-9474 or visit [www.makewish.org](http://www.makewish.org).

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