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**BALL HIGH HOSPITALITY CLUB AND THE SAN LUIS RESORT TO TACKLE HUNGER IN GALVESTON COMMUNITY**

(GALVESTON, TEXAS) October 6, 2016 - Local students from the Ball High School Hospitality Club will work alongside the award winning culinary team at The San Luis Resort on Tuesday, October 11 to prepare meals to be served at The Salvation Army on Wednesday, October 12.

“This two-day event provides a wealth of experiences for students in the hospitality club. In addition to meeting with top-tier management and spending a day inside The San Luis kitchen, these students have the chance to serve our community and learn about the value of hard work and giving back. This is such an important element in the hospitality industry,” said Paul Schultz, Vice President of Hospitality, Landry’s Inc. and First Vice Chair of the Galveston Hotel and Lodging Association.

On October 11, students will work with Executive Chef Phil Bouza to prepare Chicken Breast Marsala, which will be served on October 12 to more than 150 individuals at The Salvation Army. The San Luis has worked closely with Ball High School for more than 20 years and employed many participants of the program. Alejandra Hernandez, a graduate of Ball High School’s hospitality club, has utilized the skills she developed through the program to excel as banquet staff manager at The San Luis Resort and Galveston Island Convention Center. Hernandez’ strong work ethic and commitment to customer service are traits valuable to the hospitality industry that are promoted through this program.

The Hospitality Club, an invitation-only group, was formed after the Galveston Hotel and Lodging Association requested that a group of students be formed to train the future leaders of the hospitality industry in Galveston. Under the direction of Sherry Rooks, the group emphasizes strict guidelines for behavior, academics and leadership and focuses on career preparation.

“This club has changed the way our students think about the hospitality industry on the island and in the world,” said Sherry Rooks, Hospitality Program Director. “Instead of thinking themselves as bed makers and dishwashers--they now see themselves as movers and shakers, future managers, owners, and CEOs.”

"The San Luis Resort is a great supporter of The Salvation Army, so this is a natural fit. We are thankful for this initiative and the benefits that it provides the students and our clients. We hope this initiative becomes a tradition!" said Captain W. Patrick Jones, Regional Coordinator, Galveston County Salvation Army.

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