



**Bernard Guillas Joins Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation®
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La Jolla, Calif. - (July 10, 2006) - With flavorful food and a passion for helping hungry children, Marine Room Executive Chef, Bernard Guillas, will join San Diego's top chefs and restaurants as they gather for Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation to help raise funds for Share Our Strength's effort to end childhood hunger in the San Diego area and across America. This year's event, presented by American Express and Jenn-Air, will be held on August 23, 2006 at the Hilton Gaslamp Quarter from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75.00 and can be purchased by calling 1-877-26Taste or visiting www.strength.org.

More than 15 of San Diego's finest restaurants and beverage purveyors will participate in Taste of the Nation, providing a uniquely memorable evening. Along with Chef Bernard Guillas (Marine Room), participating restaurants include *Celadon, Rama, Flemings, Loews Coronado Bay Resort & Spa, Lou & Mickey's, Molly's Fine Dining, New Leaf Restaurant, The Palm, Seau's, Café Del Sol Sierra Pacific Restaurant*. Guests can pair their favorite foods with fine wine from local distributors, enjoy an exciting auction held during the event, and live music.

"We pride ourselves on being able to create the most fabulous food event in San Diego that is lots of fun and very worthwhile," said Bernard Guillas of Taste of the Nation San Diego "This is an excellent way to do our part in the fight against childhood hunger in San Diego and around the country. SOS is *the* lethal weapon fighting for our children's well being."

Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation is the nation's finest culinary benefit supporting the effort to end childhood hunger in America. Every spring, thousands of the best chefs and restaurants donate their time, talent and cuisine to create more than 60 events throughout the United States and Canada, helping to raise millions for hungry children. Each distinct event takes on the unique personality, culture and cuisine of its host city, with formats ranging from food and wine tastings to seated dinners, brunches and barbeques.

Award-winning Chef, Bernard Guillas, joined La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, Inc. in 1994, overseeing all menus, wine lists, and special events for the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, Shores Restaurant, and Marine Room. Guillas was voted 2004 "Chef of the Year" by *Chef Magazine* and 2001 "Best Chef in San Diego" by the San Diego California Restaurant Association. Guillas is active in supporting his local community, participating in SOS Taste of the Nation, Celebrities Cook for Cancer and Mama's Kitchen. Guillas is spokesperson for the Macy's School of Cooking. Chef Bernard has also unveiled a new restaurant and menu concept at the Shores Restaurant in summer 2006.

The Marine Room offers diners global cuisine rooted in the French classics. Its spectacular views, exemplary service and outstanding wine list make it San Diego's premier dining destination. The Marine Room is located at 2000 Spindrift Drive in La Jolla, California and is owned and operated by the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, Inc. Reservations for the Marine Room are recommended, and can be made by calling (858) 459.7222, or online at www.MarineRoom.com.

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