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## **BUY 1, GIVE 1**

On all phone orders for pickup or delivery



CASA FINA RESTAURANT & CANTINA PARTNERS WITH PROYECTO PASTORAL AT DOLORES MISSION IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, CA TO DONATE MEALS TO THEIR GUADALUPE HOMELESS PROJECT SHELTER WITH BUY ONE, GIVE ONE FOOD PROGRAM TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Boyle Heights, CA – (March 23, 2020) Help the Homeless with a BUY ONE, GIVE ONE, Food Program. Emmanuel Deleage, Co-Owner of Casa Fina Restaurant & Cantina, 1842 E. First Street, Boyle Heights, CA 90033, announced today, "Casa Fina Restaurant & Cantina will partner with Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission in Boyle Heights, CA to donate meals to their Guadalupe Homeless Project Shelter for men and women with a BUY ONE, GIVE ONE food program to help those in need during these tumultuous times we are living in now. For every one order Casa Fina receives by telephone for pickup or delivery, Casa Fina will donate one meal to our most vulnerable community members. Up until the current health crisis, Novel Coronavirus COVID-19, the shelter has depended on volunteers who donate food supplies and help prepare and distribute meals two times a day. With the current social gathering restrictions, this is no longer possible. Casa Fina is doing its part to help fill this need."

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Raquel Román, Program Director of the Guadalupe Homeless Project at Proyecto Pastoral Dolores Mission said, "Before the current health crisis, our shelter was open 14 hours a day everyday serving two meals daily. Now, with the current state of the world, we are open 24 hours a day seven days a week serving three meals daily. We are very grateful to Casa Fina Restaurant & Cantina for reaching out and partnering with us to help homeless men and women dwelling within our shelter. Acts of human kindness like this are what we need most, not just now, but at all times, good and bad."

In addition to the BUY ONE, GIVE ONE food program for Proyecto Pastoral, as a service to the community, Casa Fina has also started to offer basic grocery and household essentials for delivery, such as toilet paper, in its "La Tiendita" (little store) section of its website, <a href="https://www.casafinarestaurant.com/">https://www.casafinarestaurant.com/</a>

The restaurant will offer free delivery for all orders within a five-mile radius of Casa Fina making it easier for seniors and those needing to self-quarantine to get basic essential supplies. There will be a \$5 delivery charge for five to 10 miles, \$10 delivery charge for 10 – 15 miles and \$15 delivery charge for 15 – 20 miles. Only telephone orders will qualify towards the BUY ONE, GIVE ONE food program, with no third party delivery services, and with each \$10 minimum spent counting as one meal that will be donated. Meals will be service 70 people at a time and be delivered directly to Guadalupe Homeless Project at Proyecto Pastoral at Delores Mission to be distributed.

Emmanuel Deleage added, "Casa Fina is hoping to not only assist Proyecto Pastoral with this project but also assist its wait staff by becoming delivery drivers, and therefore avoiding layoffs."

Casa Fina Restaurant & Cantina is located at 1842 East First Street, Boyle Heights, CA 90033. The restaurant's phone number is 323.604.9592. Menus choices include: burritos, fajitas, quesadillas, salads, soups, veggie bowls, tostadas, wraps, tacos, enchiladas, flautas, molcajetes, mariscos, shrimp cocktails, salmon, camerones, carnitas, chimichangas, burgers, tortas, Aguas Frescas and desserts. Delivery Hours are: Sundays through Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. To see a complete menu, please visit, <a href="https://www.casafinarestaurant.com/">https://www.casafinarestaurant.com/</a>

## About Casa Fina Restaurant & Cantina:

Casa Fina Restaurant & Cantina was opened on Cinco de May, May 5, 2017 by the Executive Director Emmanuel Deleage and Artistic Director Josefina López ("Real Women Have Curves) of Casa 0101 Theater as a means of finding a sustainable way of supporting the arts in Boyle Heights. Casa 0101 Theater has been in operation for 20 years and has provided free classes for youth and adults in the arts as well as bringing high quality, yet accessible, theatrical programming to Boyle Heights and the greater Los Angeles area. The restaurant's vision is to be part of the 'Artistic Renaissance' celebrating the best of Boyle Heights: it's people, food and culture. (-more-)

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## **About Guadalupe Homeless Project at Proyecto Pastoral at Delores Mission:**

Proyecto Pastoral was founded in 1986 by community residents, in partnership with the California Province of Jesuits. Responding to critical needs in the community, the founding women organized and created many initiatives, among them, the Guadalupe Homeless Project (GHP), which provides breakfast, dinner and nightly shelter to 45 men and 15 senior-aged women. The men's shelter is located at Dolores Mission Church and has been operating since 1988. The women's shelter opened in 2015 to respond to the crisis in increase of women facing homelessness. Currently, 36% of program residents who exit the program transition into permanent housing. An average of 1,250 volunteers assisted the shelter within the last year by sponsoring and serving meals or coordinating workshops. GHP also manages Proyecto Pastoral's Distribution Center, which provides low-cost, gently-used clothing to local residents and free clothing to shelter residents. Other initiatives at Proyecto Pastoral include: IMPACTO youth programs, a childcare co-op that is now their Early Learning Centers, leadership development and community organizing work and Comunidad en Movimiento/Community in Action.

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