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## **Dining at a Discount: Giving Back Never Tasted So Good at the Second Annual Old Pasadena Restaurant Week**

PASADENA, CA--(Marketwire - May 14, 2010) - More than 25 Old Pasadena restaurants will treat diners to an affordable luxury dining experience during the second annual Old Pasadena Restaurant Week, June 1st through June 8<sup>th</sup>. Local foodies and visitors can indulge in the best of Old Pasadena's most popular restaurants at a deep discount, while helping feed those in need. For eight straight days, diners will savor three gourmet courses at one great price, starting as low as \$15, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Union Station Homeless Services.

A diverse array of award-winning area restaurants will offer three course pre-fixed gourmet meals at a special deal with deluxe dining at \$15 for lunch and \$25 for dinner or fine dining at \$25 for lunch and \$35 for dinner. Exquisite dishes prepared by the area's most talented chefs include: braised short ribs with sautéed Swiss chard, heirloom carrots and tatziki at Vertical Wine Bistro, chocolate beignets with strawberry sauce and caramel at Pop Champagne & Dessert Bar, fresh pacific white fish with sautéed spinach, pea tendrils and roasted cherry tomatoes at La Grande Orange Café, Niman Ranch flat iron steak marinated in rosemary oil served with house made fries, grilled asparagus and molasses bordelaise sauce at Quadrupel Brasserie, ham and cheese empanada at 1810 Argentinean Restaurant, potato gnocchi with sautéed leeks, roasted mushroom, asparagus and garlic, spinach pesto at Green Street Tavern, Lotus on Fire Roll: spicy tuna, lotus root, and jalapeno on top of California roll at Kabuki, and many more! A complete list of restaurants and menus are available at [www.oldpasadena.org/restaurantweek](http://www.oldpasadena.org/restaurantweek).

Diners will not only marvel in the adventure of taste that Old Pasadena Restaurant Week offers, but will also enjoy helping others with 10% of event proceeds benefiting Union Station Homeless Services, celebrating 36 years of helping those in need. Old Pasadena Restaurant Week is produced by Old Pasadena Management District and Union Station.

### **ABOUT UNION STATION**

In 1973, a group of community volunteers opened Union Station as a simple hospitality center to serve poor and homeless men in downtown Pasadena. Today, Union Station is the San Gabriel Valley's largest and most comprehensive social service agency, assisting homeless and very low-income people. Their mission is to help men, women and children rebuild their lives and end homelessness. Services include community meals program, community shower program, career development and job placement, emergency shelter and much more. Visit [www.unionstationhs.org](http://www.unionstationhs.org) for more information.

### **ABOUT OLD PASADENA MANAGEMENT**

The Old Pasadena Management District (OPMD) is a non-profit business organization that creatively plans, manages and develops Old Pasadena as a unique, authentic and vibrant downtown experience. The OPMD currently contracts with the City of Pasadena to manage the Old Pasadena Business Improvement District (BID). The BID enhances the basic City services by funding district-wide security, marketing, and maintenance programs to provide a clean, safe vibrant downtown experience.

General Public: For more information including a list of participating restaurants and menus the public can visit [www.oldpasadena.org/restaurantweek](http://www.oldpasadena.org/restaurantweek).

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