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Cristina's Fine Mexican Restaurant- HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF

Dallas, Texas (June 15, 2010)– Cristina's Fine Mexican Restaurant has announced award-winning Chef David Woodward as its new Executive Chef. Woodward will create culinary dishes that stay true to Cristina's central Mexico roots as well as develop an exciting array of new offerings.

As the new Executive Chef at Cristina's Fine Mexican Restaurant, Woodward is responsible for the restaurant's multi million-dollar culinary operation. The acclaimed Chef's résumé reads like a who's who of fine dining spanning from San Diego, to Las Vegas and finally to Dallas; including working alongside well known Executive Chef Stephan Pyles at *Star Canyon Las Vegas* and the *Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center*.

Chef David Woodward has created thousands of dishes earning many accolades over his 26-year career. Some awards are Sfuzzi San Diego - **Best New Restaurant of the Year 1990**, San Diego Magazine and San Diego Restaurant Association; Mediterraneo Dallas- **Top New Restaurant 1994**, Dallas Morning News; **Top 5 DFW Restaurant 1995 and 1996**, Dallas Morning News and D Magazine; **Top 5 in DFW 1997**, Zagat Guide; Star Canyon Las Vegas-**Top 100 Restaurants in the Country 2001**, Nation's Restaurant News.

Prior to joining Cristina's culinary team, Woodward Served as Executive Chef for the Ama Lur restaurant, at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas. Woodward oversaw the development of the innovative restaurant concept with input from long time friend and role model, Stephen Pyles. Ama Lur started as a Tapas concept with an extensive menu requiring the management of over 160 recipes to produce it daily.

Cristina's is a casual, stylish neighborhood restaurant and bar that specializes in authentic Mexican dishes and handcrafted specialty cocktails along with an extensive selection of small and large dishes to choose from. Woodward has traveled throughout much of Mexico since childhood and has a great respect for the authentic regional foods and traditions and always uses that as the foundation of new dishes whether traditional or created with a modern twist.

About Cristina's Fine Mexican Restaurant

Cristina's Fine Mexican Restaurant is a local fine dining establishment with 11 DFW locations. Cristina's was founded in 1989 by the Vargas family whose central Mexico roots help create the unique menu that

combines a variety of down-home Tex-Mex favorites as well as central Mexican dishes. *Comida casera* (home cooking), family-style service and the hospitable touch makes Cristina's a favorite in DFW.