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**** MEDIA ADVISORY ****

**WEDNESDAY: Embassy of Qatar and World Central Kitchen Continue Ramadan Partnership
with Meal Deliveries to Houston-Area Seniors**

HOUSTON — Representatives from the **Embassy of the State of Qatar** to the United States and acclaimed Chef José Andrés' **World Central Kitchen** (WCK) will deliver meals to homeless youth on Thursday. This is a part of an ongoing partnership between the Embassy and WCK to celebrate Ramadan — a month-long moment for reflection, self-awareness, and philanthropy and a time to encourage that spirit of giving and charity around the world. This week's meal deliveries are part of a larger effort to deliver 6,000 meals to those in need in Houston by the close of Ramadan on May 12.

Diplomats, World Central Kitchen volunteers, and restaurant staff will prepare and package food at **Bee Fit Foods** and **Cochinita & Co** before commencing delivery of 200 meals to two senior centers in Houston.

*** Interviews are available with diplomats from the Qatari consulate, representatives from World Central Kitchen, and from Bee Fit Foods.*

WHO:

Salman Al-Salman, Consulate of the State of Qatar

Billyssia Pierce, Bee Fit Foods

Victoria Elizondo, Cochinita + Co

Josh Phelps, World Central Kitchen

WHEN:

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

SCHEDULE:

Food Preparation — 9:00-10:30 a.m. CDT

Bee Fit Foods (at CBG Kitchen)

906 N Loop E Fwy, Houston, TX 77009

Food Delivery #1 — 11:00 a.m. CDT

Star of Hope

Houston, TX

**Note: Due to Covid-19 restrictions, volunteers are not permitted inside the building at Star of Hope. There will be no media availability at this location.*

Food Delivery #2 — 12:00 p.m. CDT
Town Park Townhomes Senior Community
9950 Town Park Dr, Houston, TX 77036

MEDIA RSVP:

Media interested in attending the pickup/delivery or interviewing spokespeople should RSVP to alex@getproofusa.com to coordinate additional logistical details.

About the Embassy of the State of Qatar to the United States

The Embassy of the State of Qatar in Washington, D.C. houses Qatar's diplomatic mission to the United States. The primary purposes of the Embassy of Qatar are to highlight Qatar's policies on regional issues, strengthen Qatar-U.S. bilateral relations, and to assist Qatari citizens who travel or live in the U.S. The current Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the United States of America is His Excellency Sheikh Meshal Bin Hamad Al-Thani.

About World Central Kitchen

Founded in 2010 by Chef José Andrés, World Central Kitchen (WCK) uses the power of food to nourish communities and strengthen economies in times of crisis and beyond. WCK has created a new model for disaster response through its work helping devastated communities recover and establish resilient food systems. WCK has served more than 50 million fresh meals to people impacted by natural disasters and other crises around the world in countries including The Bahamas, Indonesia, Lebanon, Mozambique, Venezuela, and the United States. WCK's Resilience Programs in the Caribbean and Central America have trained hundreds of chefs and school cooks, advanced clean cooking practices, and awarded grants to farms, fisheries and small food businesses while also providing training and networking opportunities. Learn more at wck.org.

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