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**LARK CREEK® RESTAURANT GROUP CELEBRATES WISHES WITH FIFTH ANNUAL
GINGERBREAD WISHES™ EVENT THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER BENEFITING
THE GREATER BAY AREA MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION®**

*Each Restaurant Welcomes Guests to Decorate their Own Gingerbread Cookies
in the Spirit of Giving Back this Holiday Season*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (August 23, 2011)— The Lark Creek Restaurant Group announces its fifth annual “Gingerbread Wishes” event to support the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation. Throughout the month of November, each restaurant in the Group* invites guests to celebrate the holiday season by giving to a worthy cause. With **100% of the proceeds benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation**, guests can order star-shaped, fresh-baked gingerbread cookies off the dessert menu for only \$10.00 each, to decorate with frosting, sprinkles and candies. Designed by One Market Restaurant Pastry Chef Patti Dellamonica-Bauler, the cookies can be enjoyed while dining, taken home in a decorative bag or given as a gift.

Lark Creek Restaurant Group has raised more than \$75,000 through the annual Gingerbread Wishes campaign held since 2007 and was honored as one of the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation’s “Heroes” of 2009 for their fundraising efforts through Gingerbread Wishes.

“We love the spirit of this event,” says Patricia Wilson, Executive Director of the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation. “It ties together the meaning of the holidays with a fun activity that brings delight to restaurant guests and encouragement to the children who benefit from it. The Lark Creek Restaurant Group has transformed the traditional holiday gingerbread cookie into a message of hope and joy.”

The Group was inspired to work with the organization after an employee’s niece, suffering from Leukemia, was granted a “wish” through the Make-A-Wish Foundation for a garden in her backyard to look at through her bedroom window.

“Charity is a priority for our Group, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to host another year of Gingerbread Wishes,” said Lark Creek Restaurant Group Co-Founder, President and CEO Michael Dellar. “We thought it was wonderful what the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation did for a young lady so close to our organization and it was apparent how much it lifted her spirits. It’s extremely rewarding to be able

to put together a program that directly benefits children in our community. We hope to see all of our guests decorating cookies this November and helping to achieve our next milestone of giving—\$100,000.”

*Lark Creek Restaurant Group’s participating Bay Area restaurants include The Tavern at Lark Creek in Larkspur; One Market Restaurant, LarkCreekSteak and Cupola Pizzeria in San Francisco; Lark Creek Walnut Creek; Yankee Pier in Larkspur, Lafayette and at Santana Row in San Jose; and Fish Story in Napa.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Photos are available. Please contact Carissa Remitz, Wagstaff Worldwide, at 415.274.2510.

ABOUT LARK CREEK RESTAURANT GROUP

Lark Creek Restaurant Group, founded by award-winning industry veterans Michael Dellar, Leslye Dellar, Chef Bradley Ogden and Jody Ogden, is a leader in creating and operating unique, high-quality restaurants that feature seasonal farm-fresh fare, extensive wine and spirits offerings, caring, professional service and excellent value. Like most good things, the Lark Creek Restaurant Group grew organically and locally—starting in 1989 with The Lark Creek Inn and evolving into a portfolio of 14 restaurants, which today includes: One Market Restaurant, LarkCreekSteak and Cupola Pizzeria in San Francisco; Lark Creek Walnut Creek; Yankee Pier in Larkspur, Lafayette, at Santana Row in San Jose and at San Francisco International Airport; Parcel 104 in Santa Clara; Bradley Ogden at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas; The Tavern at Lark Creek in Larkspur; Fish Story in Napa; Moreton Fig in USC’s Ronald Tutor Campus Center; and Lark Creek Grill at Terminal 2 San Francisco International Airport. Company details are available at www.larkcreek.com.

ABOUT THE GREATER BAY AREA MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION®:

The Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. In 2010 the Foundation embarks on 26 years of fulfilling magical wishes. During its first year of operation, in 1984, the Foundation granted 27 wishes. Now one of the largest chapters nationwide, the Greater Bay Area chapter grants over 300 wishes per year and has granted over 5,300 wishes. The chapter covers 17 Northern California counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Marin, Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Siskiyou, Solano and Sonoma. The goal of the Foundation is to grant a wish to every eligible child in its territory. Anyone can suggest a child for a wish. In 2005, the Chapter was recognized with a coveted “Best in America Seal of Excellence” award, the first Make-A-Wish Chapter to achieve this distinction for its outstanding management and governance practices. Of the 1,000,000 charities operating in the United States today, it is estimated that fewer than 50,000, or 5 percent, meet or exceed these standards, and, of those, fewer than 2,000 have been awarded this Seal. For more information or to refer a child for a wish, please call 415/982-9474 or visit www.sfwish.org.

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