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**La Cocina Mexican Restaurant Begins Planning 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser Benefiting Fort Bend Seniors**

**ROSENBERG, Texas** (March 8, 2019) — La Cocina Mexican Restaurant and Catering is gearing up for its 14th Annual Cinco de Mayo fundraiser benefiting Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels (FBS). Nearly 300 people will attend the event, held at La Cocina in Richmond on Saturday, April 27 from 5-10:30pm.

“With the rapid increase of seniors in Fort Bend County, Fort Bend Seniors is seeing an increased demand for services, which are supported through the generous contributions of donors like La Cocina and owner Andres Novoa,” says FBS CEO, Manuela Arroyos. “For the past thirteen years, the Cinco de Mayo fundraiser has contributed more than \$350,000 towards feeding and caring for our seniors.”

Fort Bend Seniors provides hot, home-delivered meals to more than 1,500 senior citizens daily, many of whom live alone and cannot prepare their own meals. In addition, FBS offers meals at 13 congregate centers as well as transportation to and from the centers, health screenings, recreational activities, and more for older adults throughout the community.

Andres Novoa first learned about Fort Bend Seniors and its mission to feed local seniors in 2005. Learning that local elders struggle to afford or prepare meals launched one of the longest running annual fundraisers for Fort Bend Seniors. “Andres saw the need and immediately decided to do something about it. Thus, our annual Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser was born, all because of one devoted local business owner,” said Arroyos. La Cocina staff and Andres’ family, including wife Rachel Novoa, also support Fort Bend Seniors through the event.

“We are blessed to be living in a community that is so giving,” said Andres Novoa. “Not only are we raising money needed to feed our seniors, but also reaching volunteers and creating awareness of the growing need right here in our own backyard as we help crush hunger among our elderly!”

The event will include a live band, silent and live auctions, raffle drawings, drink specials and tasty Tex-Mex cuisine, all festively decorated for Cinco de Mayo. While taking place in Richmond, donations and proceeds will be used to serve seniors living throughout Fort Bend and Waller counties.

All are welcome to join the celebration and support a worthy cause. Individual VIP tickets can be purchased for \$125 each, or VIP tables are available ranging in price from \$460 for a table for four to \$950 for a table for 10. If unable to attend the event, additional contributions and donations are still welcome. For ticket purchase, please contact Andres Novoa at 281.460.6479 and make checks payable to La Cocina Mexican Restaurant or purchase online through the Fort Bend Seniors website.

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About Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, a United Way Agency, is committed to helping seniors remain independent by enhancing their quality of life through services and resources. FBS provides hot, home-delivered meals to more than

1,500 senior citizens daily, many who live alone and cannot prepare their own meals. In addition, FBS offers older adults meals from 12 congregate sites – or community centers, transportation to and from the centers, health screenings and recreational activities.

Fort Bend Seniors is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code as a non-profit corporation, and as such contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent as allowed by law. For more information about Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, visit [www.fortbendseniors.org](http://www.fortbendseniors.org).