

## North county drive-thru food fest to benefit local foster care organization

Participants in Thursday's 'Foodie Caravan' can sample menu items from 10 Jupiter and Palm Beach Gardens

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A food-focused fundraiser to support faith-based foster care organization Place of Hope is set for Thursday at 10 locations throughout northern Palm Beach County.

A "Foodie Caravan" drive-thru food festival launched by Realtor Jen Hernandez as part of Place of Hope's Champions for Children campaign invites participants to sample menu items from popular restaurants in Jupiter and Palm Beach Gardens.

Participating restaurants include Guanabanas, Board Babes, ANZO Mediterranean Kitchen, Lynora's in Jupiter and Palm Beach Gardens, Yard House, PapiChulo Tacos, Little Moir's Food Shack, Grimaldi's Pizzeria and Tommy Bahamas Restaurant.



Each restaurant will provide four menu samples per vehicle as part of the drive-thru event, which runs from 4:30-7 p.m.

"For this event I wanted to take two things I am extremely passionate about — local eats and Place of Hope — and create an event that would help gain exposure for our local restaurants who were hit hard with the pandemic, and a safe, 100% socially distanced event for our Palm Beach County residents who are going crazy with being cooped up, homeschooling, dealing with changes, and the list goes on," said Hernandez, who created the event through her role as a Place of Hope Champion for Children.

"My goal is to get them as much exposure as possible with fun check-in activities and road trip games throughout the night."

Guanabanas, at 960 N. Hwy A1A in Jupiter, also will host an after-party with complimentary beverages for guests.

Proceeds from the event support Place of Hope's mission to provide a stable and loving environment for children, youth and families who are struggling.

Founded in 1999, the Palm Beach Gardens-based nonprofit organization provides family-style foster care, family outreach and intervention, adoption and foster care recruitment, and transitional housing and support services for abused, abandoned and neglected children and families in need.

"My favorite part of Place of Hope is their focus on ending the cycle that abuse, neglect, and exploitation statistically ingrains within these children's stories," Hernandez said.

To purchase tickets for Thursday's Foodie Caravan, visit <https://bit.ly/2IL66EJ>. Tickets are \$60 per vehicle. Space is limited.

Each vehicle gets four samples at each road stop. All of the proceeds go to Place of Hope. Donations are tax deductible.