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Benihana Supports St. Jude Children's Research Hospital® with 9th Annual Children's Day Initiative

The initiative includes Children Helping Children coloring contest and donation to St. Jude

AVENTURA, Fla., April 3, 2017 – Benihana Inc., the nation's leading operator of Japanese-inspired teppanyaki and sushi restaurants, recently kicked off its ninth Children Helping Children coloring contest as part of its annual Children's Day festivities.

From now through May 5, children ages 12 and younger who visit any Benihana location nationwide are invited to participate in the Children Helping Children coloring contest. Participants will draw an original picture illustrating what "Children Helping Children" personally means to them. Benihana will donate \$1 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for each entry they receive.

On May 6, Benihana will select one child from each restaurant to win a dinner for eight.

Additionally, 100 percent of the purchase price of all Benihana Kabuki Kids meals served on Children's Day, May 5, will be donated to St. Jude.

Since the program launched in 2009, Benihana has donated more than \$290,000 to St. Jude.

For more information about Benihana's Children Helping Children promotion and contests, please visit www.benihana.com.

About Benihana

Headquartered in Aventura, Florida, Benihana Inc. is the nation's leading operator of Japanese-inspired teppanyaki and sushi restaurants with 101 restaurants nationwide, including 66 Benihana restaurants, eight Haru Sushi restaurants and 27 RA Sushi restaurants. In addition, 10 franchised Benihana restaurants are operating in the United States, Caribbean, and Central and South America. To learn more about Benihana Inc. and its three restaurant concepts, please view the corporate video at www.benihana.com/about/company-video/. To download the Benihana Sticker Pack, please visit <http://bit.ly/2kuqKM0>.

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