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Benihana Brings World-Famous Dining Experience to Downey in August

Newest restaurant opening marks the seventeenth Benihana location in California

AVENTURA, Fla., August 1, 2016 – Benihana, the nation's leading operator of Japanese theme and sushi restaurants, is proud to announce the opening of its newest location in Downey, California on August 2. To celebrate its commitment to the community, the restaurant will donate 50 percent of opening-day sales, up to \$5,000 to Downey Family YMCA.

"We are very excited to expand our presence in California and join the Downey community," said Benihana CEO Steve Shlemon. "We are always looking for ways to bring our outstanding food and unique dining experience to new guests, and are extremely thrilled to announce the grand opening of our newest location."

Guests will be able to dine and relax in the new 9,498-square-foot restaurant, which includes a sushi bar, cocktail lounge, expansive dining area and large outdoor patio with two fire pits. The restaurant's lounge and outdoor patio area offers a casual atmosphere to enjoy Benihana's delicious cocktails and fresh sushi options. Guests looking for a unique and entertaining culinary experience can take a seat at one of the restaurant's 19 teppanyaki tables, where chefs will show off their world-famous hibachi tricks.

The restaurant is located at 8801 Apollo Way. It will be open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Happy hour will be available Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are available online at Benihana.com or by calling 562-372-9210.

About Benihana

Headquartered in Aventura, Florida, Benihana Inc. is the nation's leading operator of Japanese theme and sushi restaurants with 99 restaurants nationwide, including 65 Benihana restaurants, seven Haru Sushi restaurants and 27 RA Sushi restaurants. In addition, 10 franchised Benihana restaurants are operating in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean. To learn more about Benihana Inc. and its three restaurant concepts, please view the corporate video at www.benihana.com/about/companyvideo/.