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## Local Food-Service Company Believes in Putting its Money Where its Mouth Is – Epicurean Group Supports GreenTown, Other Organizations, in Community Service Efforts

Los Altos, CA (October 22, 2015) – Epicurean Group, a Los Altos-based sustainable foodservice management company, recently sponsored the second annual GreenTown Los Altos Farm-to-Table Dinner. The benefit raised nearly \$30,000 for GreenTown, a non-profit dedicated to environmental education in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

"We're proud to have been a sponsor of the benefit and for GreenTown, and to help encourage a sustainable future for Los Altos," says Mary Clark Bartlett, Epicurean Group CEO and a member of the GreenTown Finance Committee.

On October 17th, Epicurean Group sponsored the "Taste of Santa Clara Valley," a benefit in San Jose for the Community Alliance for Family Farmers (CAFF). Seven of Epicurean Group's culinary-trained chefs prepared original menus based on produce from local family farmers and Mary's Free-Range Organic Chicken. "Every day at Epicurean Group we prepare thousands of meals that not only nourish the body and mind with healthy, delicious food, but that also encourage a sustainable future for our communities," says Clark Bartlett.

In September, <u>ExtraFood.org</u>, a nonprofit food recovery program founded to help end hunger and food waste in Marin County, named Epicurean Group "Donor of the Week".

"Eliminating food waste is one of the most important resource conservation and waste reduction programs that we offer," says Clark Bartlett. "Others include the GreenTown Co-op, which we helped launch in 2010 to provide compostable take-out products at competitive prices and eliminate plastic and polystyrene foam from the landfill.

"Through our partnerships with Bay Area farmers and ranchers, we support the community, serve healthy, seasonal food, and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from transportation – a benefit for people *and* for the environment."

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Epicurean Group is an independent food service management company, providing restaurant and catering services to corporations, educational campuses, and fine arts facilities throughout Northern California. Epicurean Group is committed to socially responsible and environmentally sustainable business practices.

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