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Father's Day Gift Idea for the Foodie Who Has Everything:

"Be The Chef" Event at Benihana Coral Gables, Miami Beach and Miramar Puts Dad Front and Center

MIAMI, Fla. (May 20, 2008) – Imagine Dad transformed into a steak-flipping, knife-wielding showman chef, preparing dinner for the family under the watchful eye of a Benihana master chef. The "Be The Chef" event at Benihana's Coral Gables, Miami Beach and Miramar restaurants is a Father's Day gift that clearly puts Dad front and center and includes the training he'll need to impress his audience of adoring family members.

"If you're looking for a unique Father's Day gift, our 'Be The Chef' event package gives Dad a rare opportunity to entertain the family while showing off his new skills," said Juan Garcia, President of Miami-based Benihana.

The "Be The Chef" package includes personal training on the intricate combination of knife and tabletop hibachi cooking skills made famous over the past 44 years by Benihana restaurants, a signature Benihana chef hat and apron, a Polaroid photo, dinner for four and gratuity. Dinner includes Benihana's famous tender steak, juicy chicken, salad, soup, shrimp appetizer, rice and green tea, all for just \$140. Additional guests can be added for only \$35 per person.

Training classes and "Be The Chef" dinner performance dates will be scheduled with the restaurants following purchase.

The "Be The Chef" gift package can be purchased at:

- Benihana Coral Gables
242 Miracle Mile
305-567-2000

- Benihana Miami Beach
1665 NE 79 Street Causeway
305-866-2768

- Benihana Miramar
3261 SW 160 Ave.
954-342-2892

About Benihana

Benihana Inc. (NASDAQ: NMS: BNHN and BNHNA) operates 60 Benihana teppanyaki restaurants, nine Haru restaurants, and nineteen Ra Sushi restaurants. Under development at present are fifteen restaurants: eight Benihana teppanyaki restaurants and seven RA Sushi restaurants. In addition, nineteen franchised Benihana teppanyaki restaurants are operating in the U.S., Latin America and the Caribbean.

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