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**Bishop's Lodge sponsors Farmer's Market Institute fundraiser**

Santa Fe, NM –The Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa will be a major sponsor of The Farmers Market Fall Fiesta to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Santa Fe Farmers Market on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Bishop's Lodge.

Executive Chef Patrick Hartnett will create harvest entrees and desserts featuring food from the Santa Fe Farmers Market members, including lamb, chicken, beef, vegetables, and fruits.

The event honors elder farmers and celebrates the cultural heritage of the state's oldest and largest farmers market. The fundraising event will also include a live auction featuring seven internationally known local artists and a silent auction of items related to the mission of the farmer's market.

Students from the Culinary Arts Department of Santa Fe Community College will participate in preparing and serving the meal.

"This is a special Harvest Dinner that incorporates the food and culture of northern New Mexico," says Sarah Noss, the Executive Director of the Institute. "It will be really fun and celebrate the farmer's market 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year."

The Santa Fe Farmer's Market Institute is the nonprofit arm of the Farmer's Market. Proceeds from the event will fund operating costs and efforts to create programs to benefit northern New Mexico agricultural producers, including a micro-loan program for farmers and a food stamp program for the Market.

Noss expects approximately 200 people to attend the fundraiser. Tickets are \$125 and are available at SFFM Institute at 607 Cerrillos Road, Suite F, or at the information booth at the Farmer's Market on Saturdays.

The Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa has been ranked by **Travel & Leisure** magazine as one of America's premier retreats, and is among **Away.com's** Top 100 Family Resorts. The SháNah Spa and Wellness Center has been honored with **Condé Nast Johansens'** "Most Outstanding Spa Award in North America and the Caribbean." Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa is managed by Prism Hotels & Resorts whose clients also include Marriott, Hilton, Radisson, Embassy Suites, and Holiday Inn. To make a resort or spa reservation, call 800-732-2240 or visit [www.bishopslodge.com](http://www.bishopslodge.com).

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