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## **15 TV AND FILM STARS TO SERVE UP FREE STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE AT GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ON MAY 25TH**

### **-- Charity Fundraising Booths Sell Strawberry Treats and other Fun Food --**

GARDEN GROVE, CA (May 16, 2019) – Since 1958 the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival has treated the community to free strawberry shortcake at its grand opening ceremony. It will be held this year in the Showmobile Friday, May 24th at 6 p.m. at Main and Acacia streets in Garden Grove. The giant cake will be created by French's Pastry Bakery in Costa Mesa. In the past, as many as 2,000 have come out for free cake.

All of the Saturday parade celebrities, who cannot resist having a taste, will be there to say a few words and help pass out cake to the crowd. Dawn Wells (Gilligan's Island); Julian Edwards (Birdbox); Stella Edwards (Nobodies); Will Buie (Bunk'd); Kennedy Slocum (The Kids are Alright); Michelle La (Searching); Albert Tsai (Trophy Wife); Reid Ewing (Modern Family); Kristin Carey (Scandal; Too Old to Die Young); Kimia Behpoorni (Abby's); Madison Curry (Bless this Mess; Us); Julianna Gamiz (Instant Family); Umberto Luna (KWIZ radio personality); Valente Rodriguez (Instant Family; George Lopez); Ryan Ochoa (Ochoa Boyz band).



**Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones** will cut the first piece and present the giant strawberry cake top to **Miss Garden Grove Maaiké Pronda**

During the 4-day Memorial Day weekend event over 300,000 annual attendees head for the festival's 200+ food and commercial booths where they find treasures to buy and all kinds of treats to try. Booths open at 1 p.m. on Friday May 24th and at 10 a.m. on May 25th through the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **CHARITIES BENEFITTING FROM FOOD AND GAME BOOTHS**

This year's theme is **"Celebrating Family."** The festival's non-profit food booths annually average \$3,000 to \$45,000 each for their organization. Returning again to ring up high sales will be Job's Daughters Bethel 212 offering fresh glazed strawberries with ice cream, shortcake, whipped cream or any combination. Greater Garden Grove Kiwanis Club will be selling delicate funnel cakes with glazed strawberries, powdered sugar, whipped cream or cinnamon toppings. Garden Grove High School Band Booster Clubs will offer their specialty of glazed strawberries over cheesecake or crepes and strawberry smoothies.

Other festival foods ready for tasting are corn on the cob, nacho supremes, baked potatoes, tamales, hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, quesadillas, and meatball sandwiches. Sales of pizza, chicken wings, pork tacos, carne asada tacos, chicken tacos and a variety of drinks will also rack up funds for local charities.

Additional Garden Grove charities selling food at the festival include Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove, Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove, Assistance League of Garden Grove, Boy Scout Troop 167, Garden Grove Emblem Club #279, Garden Grove High School Baseball Boosters, Rancho Alamitos High School Music Boosters, Operation Be Kind, and Lions Club of Garden Grove. There are also charities raising funds by offering games and festival fun. No commercial food booths are permitted.



La Casa Garcia is donating food for the festival's annual pre-parade breakfast Saturday, May 25th at 7:30 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue at Euclid. Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, fried potatoes, plus orange juice, milk and coffee will be served for \$9.00 cash per person paid at the door with all proceeds benefiting *We Give Thanks*, a charity annually providing Thanksgiving dinners for thousands of needy people.

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The Festival has donated over \$7 million to local charities since 1958. For more information, visit [www.strawberryfestival.org](http://www.strawberryfestival.org).