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'SIPPING WITH SANTA' FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT KENNER FOOD BANK SET FOR DEC. 2

Kenner, LA. – Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni and his wife Michelle have much to be thankful for: a wonderful family, including daughter Reagan, many dear friends and a city they are proud to call home.

But during this holiday season, the first couple of Kenner are painfully aware that there are many in the city who are struggling. The statistics at the Kenner Food Bank tell the story: More than 39,000 people were served free meals last year, with some of the greatest demand of the entire year in November and December.

So five years ago, the Yennis paired with former Kenner Police Chief Steve Caraway and his wife Karen to host a *Sipping with Santa* fundraiser. The event - featuring great food, drinks and entertainment – turns over 100 percent of all proceeds to the Kenner Food Bank. In four years, *Sipping with Santa* has raised more than \$100,000.

With the 5th annual event scheduled for Dec. 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Chateau Golf and Country Club, 3600 Chateau Blvd., the two couples are hoping for the biggest *Sipping with Santa* yet. The goal is to raise more than \$40,000. Tickets are \$35 per person, and guests are asked to bring non-perishable food for the Food Bank.

“I am so proud of Michelle and Karen for the incredible work they have done to make this a signature fundraising event,” Yenni said. “We want to host an event that will help get people in the holiday spirit and give back to the community at the same time.”

The fundraiser features a raffle with prizes that include a Saints football signed by the entire team, a suite at a New Orleans Pelicans basketball game and a signed basketball, a weekend in New Orleans complete with a hotel stay, lunch and dinner and more and a 5-day vacation at Aventura Mexicana in Playa del Carmen.

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