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## **Casa Gallardo's Fundraising Effort For Joplin Relief Fund Continues Through October 16**

**St. Louis, MO (August 30, 2011)**— While the federal government has frozen future aid to tornado-ravaged Joplin to focus on immediate help for victims of Hurricane Irene, [Casa Gallardo Mexican Restaurants](#) reminds area diners that they can still help the Joplin relief effort by simply coming into any of the 5 St. Louis-area locations and ordering a special menu item.

For each **Grande Fiesta Combo** sold through October 16e, Casa Gallardo will donate 50¢ to the Joplin Schools Tornado Relief Fund.

The Grande Fiesta Combo features a Ground Beef Chimi topped with Queso, a Beef Machaca Burrito and Chicken Flautas, served with Refried Beans and Rice.

The Joplin Schools Tornado Relief fund is being used to remove the obstacles that stand in the way of teachers being able to teach and children being able to learn by providing them the basic educational materials and support they need. This could include, but not be limited to, things such as food, clothing, shelter, after school care, school supplies, classroom materials and student transportation to and from school related events.

“The people of Joplin suffered huge losses on May 22, and it’s important that we not forget that rebuilding the community will take years,” said Robert Fowler, Regional Director, Casa Gallardo Mexican Restaurants. “We hope our efforts, along with the generosity of Casa Gallardo’s loyal customers, will help bring some normalcy to Joplin’s teachers and students as they return for the new school year.”

This special fundraising effort will take place at all 5 [Casa Gallardo](#) Mexican Restaurant locations in the St. Louis metro area: Westport Plaza, Bridgeton, South County, Des Peres, and Fairview Heights, IL. For more information, visit [www.casagallardo.com](http://www.casagallardo.com).

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Since 1975, when Ramon Gallardo opened his first location, Casa Gallardo has been serving bold Mexican food and refreshing margaritas. This is where St. Louis had its first taste of traditional burritos, savory cheese enchiladas, crispy chimis and deep fried ice cream. Thirty-five years later, we are proud to be recognized as the “Original Mexican Restaurant in St. Louis.”