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Gia and Tony Ghilarducci
Depot Hotel
241 First Street West
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Dear Gia, Tony and Robert,

Stand By Me Mentoring and Teen Services can't stop talking about the culinary and service etiquette experience you all provided for our mentees on March 15th. We are truly grateful for your time, energy and expertise. From the time that the mentees started working in the kitchen, they were focused and engaged. Chef Tony put the kids to work, shared techniques, and gave the teens a real look at life in the kitchen. Robert and Gia did an excellent job prepping the group to serve their mentors. It showed when they were on the floor exhibiting their skills with grace and pride.

The Mentees gained valuable knowledge as they focused on everything Tony was sharing about his career in the culinary and restaurant industry. It was especially entertaining when the kids figured out that Chef Tony spoke Spanish! The look on their faces was priceless! Observing the Mentees participate in the Food Handlers Session, the Service Etiquette Class and your Restaurant experience is a powerful example of what collaboration can bring to our youth.

Stand By Me and Teen Services hope we can replicate this session again in the next school year. Partnering with you is a true pleasure. From all of us at Stand By Me and Teen Services, **THANK YOU**, for sharing your knowledge, your valued and precious day off, and for believing in the youth of Sonoma Valley!!

Gratefully,

Tina Baldry, Program Director
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