

## **Taco Rosa to Host 6th Annual Battle of the Tequileros in Newport Beach**

### **26 Tequila & Mezcal houses come together to raise money for Operation of Hope Worldwide Worldwide**

**Newport Beach, Calif. August 2017** - Taco Rosa, Chef Ivan Calderon's upscale Mexican restaurant in Newport Beach, will host its 6th Annual "Battle of the Tequileros" on Sunday, September 23rd from 4-8 p.m. Bringing together 26 different tequila and mezcal brands, the celebratory event will benefit Operation of Hope Worldwide, a local non-profit providing free, life-changing surgeries and health care for children and adults in under-served areas of the world, while creating a self-sustaining program of hope through education.

As the most diverse tequila tasting in Southern California, the event gives guests an unparalleled opportunity to experience the unique nuances between a variety of tequilas and mezcals. Guests can also enjoy tray-passed tapas-style bites from the Taco Rosa kitchen, exciting giveaways, a silent auction, and live mariachi music. A panel of esteemed judges will determine winners in three categories: Best Añejo and Best Reposado; while guests will have the opportunity to cast votes for Best Margarita and Best Booth Presentation.

"Over the past six years, we have seen tremendous growth with Battle of the Tequileros and this year, we are proud to partner with Operation of Hope Worldwide an organization whose global reach has impacted, and even saved the lives of thousands of people throughout the developing world," comments Chef Ivan Calderon of Taco Rosa.

Tickets for the 21-and-over event are priced at \$75 and offer guests all-inclusive access to tequila and mezcal cocktails and samples. Tickets can be purchased by calling 949.720.0980 or online here: <http://bit.ly/battleofthetequileros>

Taco Rosa is located at 2632 San Miguel Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660. For more information and tickets on Battle of the Tequileros, please visit: <http://bit.ly/battleofthetequileros>

### **About Taco Rosa**

With locations in Newport Beach and Irvine, California, Taco Rosa is the upscale, full-service sister restaurant to Taco Mesa. Chef Ivan Calderon's award-winning menu utilizes sustainable ingredients and artisanal spices brought to life through authentic and contemporary cooking techniques. Presenting the very best dishes and beverages from a variety of regions throughout Mexico, Taco Rosa takes their commitment to authenticity and sustainability one step further by using GMO-free masa for their corn products and tortillas. For more information, visit [www.tacorosa.com](http://www.tacorosa.com).

### **About Operation of Hope Worldwide**

Operation of Hope is a Lake Forest-based non-profit providing free, life-changing surgeries and health care for children and adults in under-served areas of the world, while creating a self-sustaining program of hope through education. Founded in 1989, by retired Ear, Nose and Throat reconstructive surgeon Dr. JP Clawson, Operation of Hope's all-volunteer team of board-certified surgeons have impacted the lives of over 5,000 children in developing countries through life-changing and life-saving surgeries. For more information, visit [www.operationofhope.org](http://www.operationofhope.org).