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MONTEREY PENINSULA'S TEAM BUILDING SESSION AND SPECIAL EVENT
FOR CHOMP VOLUNTEERS**

MONTEREY, Calif. May 1, 2007---The Culinary Center of Monterey (CCM) on Cannery Row is gaining recognition not just for its state-accredited vocational school but also for the team building and special event services it offers.

A long list of satisfied clients has found that the 3-4 hour hands-on classes, including instruction, demonstrations and presentations by professional chefs, have fostered communication, cooperation and team spirit through team effort. Team building classes include syllabi and complete meals. Also included are breathtaking views of Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean from the state-of-the-art kitchens.

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP) recently held two events at the CCM, one a team building and leadership development session for managers and the second a special event for volunteers.

According to CHOMP auxiliary president, Roxanne Wilde, "Each year hospital volunteers have a statewide convention in different venues. This year it was held in Monterey. Five hundred to six hundred volunteers from hospitals around the state

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attend. It's a fabulous educational experience for us," she said. "There were three days of seminars. CHOMP's president and CEO, Dr. Steven Packer, conducted one of the seminars on how to interact with your boss. He discussed how volunteers could get favorable results from this interaction," she continued.

"The dinner at the Culinary Center of Monterey was just for CHOMP's leadership volunteers," Wilde explained. "It was for the auxiliary officers and service chairmen in conjunction with the educational programs. There was a cooking demonstration followed by an incredible dinner for about thirty people. Everyone enjoyed this. I'm a good cook but I learned about sweating vegetables - something I didn't know!" Wilde enthused.

"One of the nice things about volunteering at CHOMP is that we have one hundred percent support of the hospital administration. Our volunteers typically give about 80,000 hours a year -- that equals forty full-time workers. We're appreciated and our CEO knows all of our volunteers, which isn't always the case at other hospitals," Wilde related.

Offering a spectacular view of Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean from its 550 square foot kitchens, the Culinary Center of Monterey is located at 625 Cannery Row. For more information call (831) 333-2133, e-mail: info@culinarycenterofmonterey.com or check out the website at www.culinarycenterofmonterey.com

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