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Gecko's Grill & Pub Hits 21!

Birthday Celebration to Include BBQ and Will Benefit the Y Youth Shelter

Sarasota, FL; June 4, 2013//: 21 years ago, best buddies and Doubles partners teamed up for a new adventure, and *Gecko's Grill & Pub* was born. Five *Gecko's* later, and Mike Quillen and Mike Gowan have hit the restaurant industry's coveted 21, with their winning hospitality strategy proving to be no gamble.

Gecko's mothership store at The Landings will again be the site of a BBQ bash to be held on June 21 at 5:00 p.m. "We started Gecko's as a little neighborhood bar and pub, focusing on fresh fare, and a strong Hospitality quotient, says Quillen. Our guests are our friends, and our employees are our heroes. We believe in the community, and we live, work, and play here, too. We are inviting our friends to come out so we can say Thank You, enjoy some BBQ, and help us celebrate."

Gecko's is Business Partners with dozens of schools in Sarasota and Manatee County, providing Super Student Free Meals to thousands of elementary students and supporting untold numbers of teams, projects, and events in area schools. Gecko's is also benefactor of the non-profit Y Youth Shelter, which serves children 10-17 years of age who are homeless. "We hope our celebration will raise awareness of the good work the Y Youth Shelter is doing, and will encourage folks to consider making a donation while they're enjoying the party."

Gecko's Grill & Pub has been providing jobs and creating economic stimulus since 1992, and currently employs over 300 Floridians. Look for Quillen and Gowan's new venture, *S'macks Burgers & Shakes*, to open in Summer, 2013. For more information, please contact 941.921.3924, or office@geckoshospitality.com.

Gecko's 21st Birthday BBQ Bash

5 p.m., Friday, June 21, 2013

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