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Mother's Day is a Family Affair at Church's Chicken® Restaurant Celebrates with Multiple Generations of Employees

ATLANTA, GA – People always say that food brings families together. Most would be surprised to learn that chicken brought three generations of one family to one employer.

"To some this may seem like just a restaurant, but to us, *Church's Chicken®* is home," says Susanna Ambriz. Currently a manager at the Lewisville, Texas *Church's®* location, and with 18 years of experience, Susanna started her career as a cashier, always remembering the advice of her mother, Carmen Torres, who will celebrate 30 years with *Church's®* this year. "My mom really encouraged me to join the *Church's®* family. She has been instrumental in my development as a professional, always emphasizing the importance of hard work and striving for excellence. Before long, *Church's®* turned into a passion and lifelong career," Ambriz continues.

Susanna's sister, Gabriela Lopez, is also a manager with *Church's®*. Alexis, the daughter of Susanna, age 16, is also an employee of *Church's®*.

"*Church's®* is like our family. The team members that we work with on a daily basis are much more than just co-workers, they have become like members of one big family," said Alexis Ambriz. "Working with the same people each day allows you to get to know them on a personal level."

The women all agree that working within the same company has allowed them to share great times, like managers meetings in Florida, and a work environment that encourages them to grow. They often share stories and offer each other advice that they may apply at their respective restaurants. "My mother has shown us all how to do things the right way in life," says Ambriz. "She is definitely more than just a mom; she's a real role model."

Church's® found some other mother-child employee duos in their system including Joyce Turner of Greenwood, Mississippi, who began working with the company in 1999, and her daughter, Tambria Turner, who began working at a *Church's®* location in Indianola, Mississippi in 2005.

"We have always considered ourselves a family organization," said Ed Brett, Executive Vice President of Human Resources at *Church's Chicken®*. "I think the fact that multiple generations of mothers and their children, all working at *Church's®*, is a great reflection of that family spirit and the opportunity for meaningful lifelong careers within the company."

Carla Peoples of Lake Village, Arkansas, first started with the company in 2008. Just six months later, her son, Burt Smith also joined the team at a *Church's®* restaurant in Greenville, Mississippi.

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“Since Mother’s Day is the most popular day of the year to take our moms out for a meal, we are proud to salute some of the moms in our own system—many who will be working on this special day. We think they epitomize our philosophy of Have the Love,” said Mark Snyder, Global Chief Marketing Officer for the brand.

About Church’s Chicken®

Founded in San Antonio, TX in 1952 by George W. Church, *Church’s Chicken*® is one of the largest quick service restaurant chicken chains in the world. *Church’s*® specializes in Original and Spicy Chicken freshly prepared throughout the day in small batches that are hand-battered and double-breaded, *Tender Strips*®, sandwiches, honey-butter biscuits made from scratch and freshly baked, and classic, home-style sides all for a great value. *Church’s*® (along with its sister brand *Texas Chicken*® outside the Americas) has more than 1,650 locations in 23 countries and international territories and system-wide sales of more than \$1 billion. For more information, visit www.churchs.com. Follow *Church’s*® on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchschicken and Twitter at www.twitter.com/churchschicken.

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