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## CHURCH'S PARTNERS FOUNDATION RECOGNIZED AT FRANCHISING GIVES BACK AWARDS

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Washington, D.C. - [Church's Partners Foundation, Inc.](#), the non-profit arm of the popular chicken chain *Church's Chicken*®, was recently recognized at the [International Franchise Association \(IFA\)](#) Educational Foundation's Franchising Gives Back Awards, held at the JW Marriott in the nation's capital. This year marked the inaugural Franchising Gives Back Awards ceremony, where organizations were showcased for their charitable contributions and initiatives.

Church's Partners Foundation, Inc. took home the Gold Newcomer Award during the ceremony for their educational contributions through the [Church's® Scholars Program](#). The *Church's* Scholars Program is a merit-based educational program that provides \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors to use toward their college tuition at an accredited college, university or vocational school.

"It is such a great honor to be recognized by the IFA for our Scholars Program," said Ed Brett, President of the Church's Partners Foundation and Chief People Officer for the brand. "Receiving this prestigious award validates our efforts within the communities we serve and allows us to focus on growing the program to assist even more deserving students."

Launched in 2014, the *Church's* Scholars Program has awarded more than 225 high school seniors with \$1,000 scholarships. Each year, funds for the Scholars Program are raised through franchisee contributions and the sale of coupon booklets at participating *Church's* restaurants.

"Receiving this award is a true testament to our commitment of providing opportunities for young adults who are looking to continue their education," said Sherry Ulsh, Church's Partners Foundation Board Member and Senior Director, Operations and Marketing Finance at *Church's Chicken*. "It is incredibly rewarding to be recognized by the IFA and we look forward to continuing to create a lasting impact within the lives of these students."

### **About Church's Partners Foundation, Inc.**

Founded in Atlanta, GA in 2007, Church's Partners Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) public charity. Its mission is to provide support and assistance to the employees of Cajun Operating Company, its global franchise system and the communities in which they live. Programs include the *Church's* Scholars Program which provides \$1,000 scholarships to eligible applicants. For more information, visit [www.churchspartners.org](http://www.churchspartners.org).

### **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*®,



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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 27 countries and international territories and system-wide sales of more than \$1 billion. For more information, visit [www.churchs.com](http://www.churchs.com). Follow *Church's* on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/churchschicken](http://www.facebook.com/churchschicken) and Twitter at [www.twitter.com/churchschicken](http://www.twitter.com/churchschicken).

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