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**The Youth Fair Presents The Inaugural
2015 Youth Fair Foodie Awards**

Two winners will be selected on Friday, March 13th

MIAMI, FL – February 12, 2015 – The First Annual Youth Fair Foodie Awards will celebrate the delectable creations that make The Youth Fair a favorite destination for South Florida foodies and families every year. Eight finalists have been chosen from the 170 food concessionaires. On March 13th, judges will travel to the vendor booth of each finalist and two winners will be chosen. One winner will be named Best Tasting and the other Most Unique at an evening ceremony in Arnold Hall at 7:00 pm.

The finalists were chosen by Fair staff based on presentation and quality. A map has been created so that fairgoers can also judge the finalists for themselves. Winners will receive a plaque to display in their booth. The panel of judges is to be announced.

THE FINALISTS ARE:

Sticky Pig on a Stick



Sticky Pig on a Stick consists of two Krispy Kreme donuts with soft strawberry custard, dipped in rich chocolate fudge and rolled in applewood smoked candied bacon.

Chicharrones



Chicharrones are Spanish style pork skins. They are prepared by taking pork belly meat and cutting it into strips that is then deep-fried. The customer is able to carry the Chicharrones in their hand and eat them as they stroll around the Fairgrounds.

3 Amigos



3 Amigos is a platter composed of three tacos made from soft corn tortillas. Each taco has a different type of meat. One contains marinated chicken, the second contains steak and the third contains pineapple flavored pork. All three are infused with teriyaki and topped with glazed cabbage, cilantro, onion mixed with a pinch of cotija Mexican cheese and finally, drizzled with a signature salsa. The signature salsas include a two-second delay chipotle salsa with basil and jalapeno served tomatillo style, a red Roma tomato habanero chili salsa and a strawberry habanero sweet & spicy salsa.

Salted Caramel Cracker Jack Sundae



Salted Caramel Cracker Jack Sundae is salted caramel over vanilla ice cream and topped with cracker jacks and salted nuts.

Steak-on-a-Stick



Steak-on-a-Stick is seven ounces of butter garlic-marinated sirloin on a wooden skewer drizzled with grilled onions and peppers and offered with an abundance of sauce choices. It is cooked to perfection on an open flame char broiler.

Watermelon Ale



Opa Opa Watermelon Ale is a light, fruity and immensely refreshing ale with a great watermelon aroma. It's the hot day fruit beer you have been looking for!

Tropical Conch



Tropical Conch is a freshly-cut pineapple stuffed with Bahamas conch, tomatoes, onions, bell peppers and diced pineapples seasoned with a touch of lime and tropical conch juice.

The Miami Sundae



The Miami Sundae is Mojo-roasted pork, white rice, black beans, onions and plantains topped with fresh cilantro and paprika.

The Youth Fair runs from March 12 – April 5, 2015, except March 16-17 and 30-31 at Tamiami Park which has been its home for 43 years, located at Coral Way (SW 24th Street) & SW 107th Avenue. Gates open at 3:00 p.m. March 12, 13, 18, 19, April 1 & 2. Gates open at 12 noon all other operating days. Admission is \$12 with free admission all day, every operating day for guests 5 years and younger and 65 years and better. Admission is also free all day for active duty and retired military personnel (with valid military ID) on Opening Day, March 12 and each Wednesday. NEW in 2015 is The

Youth Fair Fun Card, which allows guests to pay \$25 for one admission each operating day, plus includes one free Souvenir Cup. Additional discount offers and coupons are available at www.FairExpo.com. Parking is free every day, all day. The Pay One Price Unlimited Ride Card is \$28 weekdays, \$35 on weekends.

The Youth Fair offers many amenities for families including stroller and wheelchair rental, lost and found, paved walkways, convenient sitting areas, lush landscaping, restroom and diaper changing facilities and more. Sponsors include Coca-Cola, KIA and Sedano's Supermarkets. For more information, visit www.FairExpo.com or call (305) 223-7060.

About the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition

*The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, known for generations as The Youth Fair, is a private, not-for-profit organization that has donated more than \$10 million in scholarships, awards and cash premiums to Miami-Dade students and is dedicated to supporting education and South Florida agriculture. Now in its 64th year, The Youth Fair runs from March 12 – April 5, 2015, except for March 16-17 and 30-31. **The 2015 Youth Fair will take place at Tamiami Park, which has been its home for 43 years.** For more information, please visit www.fairexpo.com or call (305) 223-7060.*

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