



Carolina Galvan-Rodriguez



"I have always believed that surrounding yourself with great people, treating them with respect, and making them feel like family, influenced the growth and outstanding success. Many of our employees have been with us since the beginning, and worked their way up through the ranks. I believe in opportunity within."

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Carolina has a rich restaurant history that began as a young girl growing up in Dallas, Texas. She moved to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in 1980 where she met and married her first husband, Chico Perez. They went on to open five restaurants known as: Chico's Paradise, Senor Chico's, El Paseo de Chico, Ola's Alta de Chico, and Rancho Chico's.

After returning to Dallas, Carolina co-founded M Crowd Restaurant Group, a group of 24 metroplex restaurants. That began in 1991, with the opening of the first Mi Cocina in the Preston Forest neighborhood in North Dallas, with only twelve tables and nine employees. The rest is history.

Her focus has always been on using the highest quality ingredients in every recipe and as a result, people lined up to experience the care and precision in which each plate was served. The second Mi Cocina opened in 1993 in the prestigious Highland Park Village. This was followed by fine dining concepts such as Mercury Grill, Citizen, Paris Vendome, Mainstream Fish House and Fort Worth Chop House. Also, the Mexico City influenced Taco Diner restaurants joined the well established repertoire of successful operations, and became an instant success.

Carolina has served and volunteered for many non-profit organizations including The Board of Directors of Make-A-Wish Foundation, as well as a founding member of the Hispanic arm for the foundation; Honorary Chair for the Red Ball Gala for the American Diabetes Association, Wednesday's Child, Susan G. Komen Foundation and the Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA).

Her distinguished awards include Ambassador for the DIFFA Style Council, Ambassador and recipient of the keys to the City of Puerto Vallarta for contributions to the economic development and tourism industry, as well as establishing standards of International Cuisine. Carolina also was the recipient of the Girl's Inc. She Knows Where She's Going Award and is currently serving on The Board of Governors for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

Carolina's passion for youth sports began as a little girl watching her dad, who coached and co-founded the first Youth Soccer League in North Texas. She continues that passion today by sponsoring many youth soccer teams, players and tournaments.