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FIFTEEN ACCLAIMED CHEFS COOKED TO FIGHT HUNGER 6th Annual Chefs Tableside Dinner Benefitted the Community FoodBank of New Jersey

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The Community FoodBank of New Jersey hosted its 6th Annual Chefs Tableside Dinner at The Westin Governor Morris in Morristown on Thursday, November 1. Fifteen talented chefs donated their time to create an unforgettable culinary experience for 150 attendees at the FoodBank's most intimate annual fundraiser.

The event raised close to \$130,000 for the FoodBank, enough funds to provide over 400,000 meals for New Jersey neighbors in need.

"The Chefs Tableside Dinner is one of the FoodBank's most beloved annual fundraisers," said Carlos M. Rodriguez, President & CEO of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. "Thanks to the support of The Westin Governor Morris, Blue Morel Restaurant, the featured chefs and their teams, and all of the generous donors, the funds raised will make an incredible impact for our hungry neighbors, especially as the holiday season approaches."

During the event, the chefs prepared unique five-course menus for tables of ten guests each with wine pairing. The evening also featured a wine pull and silent and live auctions, with all proceeds benefitting the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

Students from the FoodBank's Food Service Training Academy, a 15-week culinary and life skills program for those in need of a second chance, gained hands-on experience by supporting chefs at the event.

See photos from our 6th Annual Chefs Tableside Dinner here.

FEATURING

Anthony Bucco of Felina Restaurant
Paul Ingenito and Anthony Palazzolo of Harvest Restaurant Group
Christopher Albrecht of The Ryland Inn
Craig Polignano of Jockey Hollow Bar & Kitchen
David Viana of Heirloom Kitchen
Dennis Mathews of Blue Morel Restaurant
Ehren Ryan of Common Lot
Eric LeVine of Mr. Crabby's Craft Kitchen & Bar
Jon Mecca of Mathews Food & Drink
Leia Gaccione of south+pine and CENTRAL+MAIN
Michael Carrino of Pig & Prince Restaurant
Michael Merida of Montclair Social Club
Paul Kapner of The Community FoodBank of NJ
Robbie Felice of Viaggio Ristorante
Robert Burke of Drifthouse by David Burke

The <u>Community FoodBank of New Jersey (CFBNJ)</u>, a member of Feeding America®, has been delivering food, help and hope across the state for over 40 years. Last year, CFBNJ provided nutritious food for over 47 million meals through its network of more than 1,000 community partners including pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, mobile pantries, and child and senior feeding programs. For our hungry neighbors, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey is the powerful agent of change that fills the emptiness caused by hunger and provides resources that are essential to earning a sustainable living.