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## For Immediate Release

### Celebrity Chefs Join HMSHost Foundation in Fight Against Poverty

*Inaugural fundraising event in Washington, D.C. brings celebrity chefs, Broadway star out to join cause*



*From left to right: Laura Sildon, Director, HMSHost Foundation; Tim Juul, Board Member, HMSHost Foundation; Rich Kunkle, Controller, HMSHost Foundation; Steve Johnson, Board Member, HMSHost Foundation; Stephanie Havard, Secretary & Treasurer, HMSHost Foundation; Jeff Yablun, Board Member, HMSHost Foundation; Paul Mamalian, President, HMSHost Foundation.*

**WASHINGTON** —Washington, D.C. was buzzing with renowned celebrity chefs from all over North America last night at HMSHost Foundation's first annual Chef's Table event, with presenting sponsors Starbucks Coffee Company and Baker Hostetler. The fundraiser to support the foundation's fight against poverty, combined live kitchen entertainment with fine-dining, as the chefs prepared signature gourmet meals tableside while guests enjoyed a live musical performance by Tony Award-nominated performer Denée Benton.

"With over 40 million Americans living in poverty, now is the time to act. HMSHost Foundation is committed to putting an end to poverty and raising awareness about the issue of poverty through events such as this. We are indebted to our sponsors and chef participants for using their voices and resources to help us in this important fight," said HMSHost Foundation President Paul Mamalian.

Dock 5 at Union Market in Washington, D.C. came to life with a theme of industrial elegance and the aromas and sights of the tableside preparation of 15 unique chef-created meals. Guests enjoyed live cooking at their table, interacting with the chefs, and delicious food and drink.

“We are extremely proud to host this inaugural event right in our backyard, bringing so many business and culinary leaders into one room to support our fight against poverty. We thank the chefs and donors, especially our presenting sponsors for making this event a success,” said HMShost President & CEO Steve Johnson.



HMShost, as a leading restaurateur in travel venues, connected some of the culinary world's most well-known chefs to HMShost Foundation for this event. Participating chefs included individuals recognized by the James Beard Foundation, the Michelin Guide, Bravo TV's Top Chef, and more. A bio of each chef is available on the [HMShost Foundation Chef's Table Event website](#).

#### **About HMShost Foundation**

HMShost Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to fight poverty in the local community with food, shelter, education, and workforce development. HMShost Foundation is uniquely positioned to give back to the communities in which it operates by combating the cycle of poverty at the local level. Charitable work carried out by HMShost Foundation is done based on pillars of giving:

- Combat hunger and promote nutritional wellness;
- Provide opportunity for financial stability through job training and placement;
- Encourage the next generation through access to education and training;
- Honor our veterans and their families.

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