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Tickets on sale now for DC Central Kitchen's Capital Food Fight - DC's biggest foodie event of the year

Join hosts José Andrés and Spike Mendelsohn at DC Central Kitchen's signature fundraising event

September 27, 2016 – Washington, D.C. – Local hunger-fighting nonprofit and social enterprise DC Central Kitchen today announced that tickets are on sale for its signature fundraising event, the Capital Food Fight™. Join host José Andrés (Chef/Owner, ThinkFoodGroup) and co-host Spike Mendelsohn ("Top Chef" contestant and Restaurateur) at the Ronald Reagan Building on **November 10, 2016** for a night of food, fun, and philanthropy.

Presented by Tyson Foods with support from sponsors CoBank, MGM National Harbor, the Ronald Reagan Building, and many others, the Capital Food Fight brings together over 1,200 guests to taste food and drink from more than 75 of DC's best restaurants and mixologists while enjoying live onstage entertainment. Founded and hosted by José Andrés, and voted "Best Charity Event" in DC by The Washington City Paper Readers' Poll, Capital Food Fight is DC's must attend event of the year.

The live culinary battle will feature local chefs Samuel Kim (1789), Andrew Markert (Beuchert's Saloon), George Rodrigues (Tico), and Theary So (Hank's Oyster Bar) who will prepare dishes with a secret ingredient and compete head-to-head in a live on-stage battle. Judges for this year's battle are to be announced. Previous judges have included Tom Colicchio, Padma Lakshmi, Anne Burrell, Richard Sandoval, and more.

Visit www.capitalfoodfight.org today to purchase tickets. 100% of the proceeds from the Capital Food Fight™ benefit DC Central Kitchen's efforts to provide culinary job training to at-risk adults, turn wasted food into balanced meals for shelters and nonprofits, and bring healthy local foods to underserved DC neighborhoods.

What: DC Central Kitchen's Capital Food Fight

When: Thursday, November 10, 2016 – 6:00pm

Where: Ronald Reagan Building – 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC

Tickets: \$250, available online at www.capitalfoodfight.org

To learn more about DC Central Kitchen or #capitalfoodfight, follow @dcck on Twitter, or visit www.dccentralkitchen.org.

About DC Central Kitchen

DC Central Kitchen is a nonprofit developer of innovative social ventures that break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Founded in 1989 in protest of traditional charity models, the organization uses career training, job creation, and sustainable business practices to strengthen local food systems and reduce disparities in health and economic opportunity. The Kitchen's life-changing social ventures include providing culinary job training to at-risk adults, turning wasted food into balanced meals for shelters and nonprofits, and serving healthy, scratch-cooked meals in low-income schools. These efforts have been recognized with the leading national award for healthy school food innovation, The Golden Carrot; the

Washington Business Journal's Green Business Award for Innovation; and the DC Chamber of Commerce's Community Impact Award. To learn more, visit www.dccentralkitchen.org or follow @dcck on Twitter.

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