

DC Central Kitchen announces battling chefs for 13th annual Capital Food Fight

Signature fundraising event returns to the Ronald Reagan Building November 10, 2016

September 7, 2016 – Washington, D.C – DC Central Kitchen’s Capital Food Fight will return on November 10, 2016 at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C. bringing the best and brightest in the culinary industry to unite under one mission: to fight hunger and poverty. This year’s battle will feature four local chefs Samuel Kim (1789), Andrew Markert (Beuchert’s Saloon), George Rodrigues (Tico), and Theary So (Hank’s Oyster Bar) who will go head-to-head in a live on-stage battle prepared with secret ingredients.

Each of these chefs brings extensive and unique culinary backgrounds to the competition. From changing career paths of Finance and Engineering, to local and international cooking experience, to working alongside award-winning chefs and Michelin-Star restaurants, these four chefs have established themselves in the DC culinary industry.

This year’s battling chefs join the ranks of Chefs Marjorie Meek-Bradley, Ris Lacoste, Scott Drewno, Amy Brandwein, and more local culinary superstars who have taken home the top prize at DC’s biggest foodie charity event.

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 on-stage 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.

Since its inception in 2004, Capital Food Fight has raised over 6 million dollars that has gone directly to support DC Central Kitchen’s social ventures that provide job training, healthy food access, and sustainable business practices to fight hunger and poverty. Since the launch of the event 13 years ago, DC Central Kitchen has trained and graduated nearly 1,000 formerly homeless, incarcerated, or unemployed adults for good jobs in the hospitality industry.

Tickets for the Capital Food Fight will be on sale later this month. Additional hosts and judges to be announced. For more information about DC Central Kitchen’s Capital Food Fight and this year’s competitors, visit www.capitalfoodfight.org. Follow DC Central Kitchen for exclusive announcements on Twitter @dckk, Facebook and Instagram @dcentralkitchen.

About DC Central Kitchen

For more than 25 years, DC Central Kitchen has pioneered a new model of using food as a tool to change lives. The organization provides nutritious meals to 80 nearby nonprofit partners, equips unemployed men and women to begin culinary careers, and creates healthy, scratch-cooked, locally-sourced meals for children at 15 DC schools. Through job training, healthy food distribution, and local small business partnerships, DC Central Kitchen offers path-breaking solutions to poverty, hunger, and poor health.

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