

## **DC Central Kitchen's Capital Food Fight brings star-studded lineup to signature charity event; tickets now on sale**

*Four local chefs will battle head-to-head in a live onstage culinary battle presented by Smithfield Foods on November 16, 2017*

**October 9, 2017 – Washington, D.C.** – Tickets to DC Central Kitchen's signature fundraising event, Capital Food Fight™ are now on sale. Presented by Smithfield Foods, the Capital Food Fight brings together over 1,200 guests to taste food and drink from more than 80 of DC's best restaurants and mixologists while enjoying live onstage entertainment. Voted "Best Charity Event" in DC by The Washington City Paper 2016 Readers' Poll, Capital Food Fight returns to the Ronald Reagan Building on November 16, 2017 for a night of live culinary entertainment and delectable eats.

This year's celebrity hosts include event founder and chair, José Andrés, and co-hosts of Food Network's "Kitchen Sink," Spike Mendelsohn, Tregaye Fraser, and Fanny Slater. Four local chefs will go head-to-head in a live culinary battle judged by Washington Nationals' Ryan Zimmerman, Adam Richman (TV personality), and NYC-based Joseph "JJ" Johnson (Chef/Owner, Ingrained Hospitality Concepts).

The live culinary battle will feature local chefs Douglas Alexander (Art and Soul), Hamilton Johnson (Honeysuckle), Bobby Pradachith (Thip Khao), and Miranda Rosenfelt (Sally's Middle Name) who will prepare dishes with a secret ingredient and compete head-to-head in a live on-stage battle.

"We are proud to support DC Central Kitchen and an event that energizes and rallies thousands around efforts to end hunger – our social purpose at Smithfield Foods," said Dennis Treacy, president of the Smithfield Foundation. "We look forward to being part of a memorable evening and one that will have a positive, long-lasting impact in both our nation's capital and other communities served by DC Central Kitchen."

A new event feature this year, DC Central Kitchen will also launch a mobile app for guests to use throughout the evening to connect with the 80 participating restaurants and learn more about the dishes and drinks they'll serve at the Capital Food Fight. The app will also include this year's auction items and real-time alerts about what's happening on the main stage throughout the event. The Capital Food Fight app will be free to download on the Apple Store in November.

Visit [www.capitalfoodfight.org](http://www.capitalfoodfight.org) today to purchase tickets. 100% of event proceeds benefit DC Central Kitchen's efforts to provide culinary job training to unemployed 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 16, 2017 – 6:00pm

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

**Tickets:** \$250, available online at [www.capitalfoodfight.org](http://www.capitalfoodfight.org)

To learn more about DC Central Kitchen or #capitalfoodfight, follow @dcck on Twitter, or visit [www.dccentralkitchen.org](http://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](http://www.dccentralkitchen.org) or follow @dcck on Twitter.

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