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Tommy McFly, Kelly Collis, and Jen Richer Join DC Central Kitchen's Star-Studded Lineup for Capital Food Fight

October 8, 2018 – Washington, DC – DC Central Kitchen's annual fundraising bash, Capital Food Fight, will welcome Tommy McFly, Kelly Collis, and Jen Richer to The Anthem stage on November 8, 2018. Tommy McFly will serve as Capital Food Fight's Master of Ceremonies, alongside event founder and host, José Andrés, co-host Spike Mendelsohn, and this year's exciting lineup of judges, including: Tom Colicchio, Andrew Zimmern, David Guas, Richard On of O.A.R., and Ryan Zimmerman of the Washington Nationals. Kelly Collis and Jen Richer will lend their love of cocktails and event-goer expertise, serving as Field Reporters for the evening and keeping the audience updated on all the exciting activity taking place offstage on the main floor of The Anthem.

Presented by Smithfield Foods, the Capital Food Fight will bring together 2,000 Washingtonians to taste food and drink from more than 80 of DC's best restaurants and mixologists while enjoying live onstage entertainment. For the 15th anniversary of the star-studded event, DC Central Kitchen brings an impressive lineup of local DC chefs to battle it out in new venue with exciting event elements, including a People's Choice mixology competition and a silent auction. Guests can take in all the stage action while dining on some of DC's best food from our city's most popular and well-established restaurants.

The live culinary battle will feature local chefs Kyle Bailey (The Salt Line), Autumn Cline (Rappahannock Oyster Company), Alex McCoy (Lucky Buns), and Kevin Tien (Himitsu) who will prepare dishes featuring surprise secret ingredients and compete for the votes of participating celebrity judges.

Visit 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 8, 2018 – 6:00pm

Where: The Anthem – 901 Wharf Street SW, Washington, DC Tickets: \$275, 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

As the nation's first and leading community kitchen, DC Central Kitchen develops and operates social ventures targeting the cycle of hunger and poverty. The organization's life-changing ventures provide culinary training to jobless adults, turn wasted food into balanced meals for shelters and nonprofits, expand access to healthy food, and provide 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.