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Stellar Chefs create "Sunset on the Serengeti" at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner of Hope Benefit. Gourmet Gala extraordinaire to fund Creative Heartwork's Healing Arts Programs.

Morris Plains, New Jersey, October 10, 2009. Seven highly acclaimed celebrity chefs from the New York/New Jersey area will gather and don their prestigious Dinner of Hope chef's jacket to prepare a culinary extravaganza for those lucky enough to get one of the prized seats. The evening's proceeds benefit Creative Heartwork, a nonprofit organization based in Morris Township, New Jersey which utilizes the power of the arts to heal children who have experienced trauma, loss, serious illness or disabilities. Programs are offered for children of Morris County as well as Newark and Fanwood, New Jersey.

A stellar culinary cast of master chefs will participate with each preparing a selected course accompanied by fine wines specially selected by Culinary Coordinator for the evening, Executive Chef Robert Albers of the Pleasantdale Chateau who heads up the superb group which also includes: Scott Cutaneo of Restaurant Equus in Bernardsville, NJ, John A. Halligan of the Park Steakhouse in Park Ridge, NJ, David Haviland of Castle on the Hudson in Tarrytown, NY, Richard Kennedy of The Terrace at the Hilton at Short Hills, Diane Pinder of Donna Toscana Artisan Chocolates and Lounge in Cranford, NJ and Charmain Sithappah of the Seasoned Pot in the Bronx, New York. The Event Wine Coordinator is Michael Cammarano, General Manager, the Manor.

Greeted by the sounds of Marafanyi's trio of African drummers, the evening commences at 6:30 p.m. with select culturally authentic hors d'oeuvres representing the diversity of cultures in Africa prepared by Charmain Sithappah, chef and proprietor of the Seasoned Pot. The Sunset on the Serengeti theme was selected to highlight Creative Heartwork's first international mural exchange with children from Newark and Nairobi, Kenya. The exchange was completed with the help of students from Delbarton High School who we involved in the BEADS project, Benedictines of East Africa and Delbarton Students. BEADS was established in 2007 to build relations between the school and the Saharan Benedictine communities to learn about Africa's culture and assisting the poor.

The cocktail hour provides the guests with the opportunity to bid on various trips and experiences among other items such as designer jewelry and custom apparel. A full table of African arts and crafts, as well as clay spirit rattles hand crafted by the children in their workshops will be available for the collectors with a heart who support healing arts for children in need.

Music and dancing will be provided by the Zookeeper Band and the night concludes with a sampling of indulgences prepared by Master Chocolatier Diane Pinder of Donna Toscana Chocolates and Lounge.

Reservations to this unique black tie event are available at \$1,000 per person.

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