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Save the Date: Taste of Georgetown
*From crab cake sliders to smoked chicken ravioli, this year's
Taste serves up an array of dishes and flavors on Saturday, October 13*

Washington, D.C., July 23, 2007 – Save some room, and the date, for Washington, D.C.'s premier food and wine festival of the year, the Taste of Georgetown, a Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) event and benefit for the Georgetown Ministry Center. Set to take place on Saturday, October 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and located along Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., the Taste of Georgetown promises to entice taste buds around Washington with samplings of high-end cuisine from regionally recognized restaurants.

This year's tasting event features a New and Old World wine pavilion, children activities, and the sounds of Blues Alley. The celebrity guest panel - including **Marc Silverstein**, host and celebrity chef of Food Network's "The Best Of", **Nycci Nellis**, publisher and CEO of TheListAreYouOnIt.com, **Amanda McClements**, food writer and publisher of Metrocurean, and a Washington CityPaper restaurant rater - will decide the Taste's best appetizer, best entrée, best display, and best dessert. Attendees will also have a chance to vote for their favorites during the event.

Participating restaurants include 1789, Agraria, Cabanas, Café Bonaparte, Chadwicks, Chez Mama-San, Filomena Ristorante, Hook, La Chaumiere, Kafe Leopold's, Martin's Tavern, Mie N Yu, Morton's The Steakhouse, Red Ginger, Rugby, Seasons, and more! Wine tastings will be free of charge, individual tasting tickets are \$5, and a packet of five tasting tickets are \$20. Taste of Georgetown VIP and tasting tickets will be available for purchase on TasteofGeorgetown.com beginning Saturday, September 15.

Incoming food and wine lovers will be able to avoid parking and traffic by riding free with the Georgetown Metro Connection the day of the event, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Georgetown "Blue Bus" picks up every ten minutes at the Rosslyn and Dupont Metro Stations.

Sponsors of the event include Marten's Volvo & Volkswagen, Long & Foster, Whole Foods, Foley and Lardner, LLP, DC Magazine, and Washington CityPaper.

For additional information, please visit TasteofGeorgetown.com or GeorgetownDC.com.

About the Georgetown Business Improvement District

The Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID), founded in 1999 by Mayor Anthony Williams, is a nonprofit organization located in the heart of Georgetown in Washington, D.C., and has more than 1,000 members. In public-private partnership with the District of Columbia, the Georgetown BID provides management and supplement services for its surrounding commercial district to promote and contribute to a more attractive business environment and increase investment. For more information on the Georgetown BID, its partnerships and other exciting events, please visit www.georgetowndc.com.

About the Georgetown Ministry Center

Founded in 1987, the Georgetown Ministry Center's (GMC) primary objective is to assist clients off the street and into safe, secure housing. GMC provides homeless outreach services that include psychiatric, housing, and job placement assistance as well as provides showers, laundry, and mail services. For more information on GMC, please visit www.georgetownministrycenter.org.