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The 2007 Taste of Georgetown

On Saturday, October 13, Georgetown restaurants feature signature cuisine on Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., to benefit Georgetown Ministry Center

Washington, D.C., September 25, 2007 – On Saturday, October 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the 14th Annual Taste of Georgetown, a Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) event and a benefit for the Georgetown Ministry Center’s homeless assistance programs, features the flavors of Georgetown with more than 30 Georgetown restaurants and wine providers.

Located along Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., in Georgetown, food and wine connoisseurs can sample high-end cuisine from regionally recognized restaurants for \$5 per tasting, five tastings for \$20, or unlimited tastings for \$100. Wine tastings are free. The event features a New and Old World wine pavilion, children activities, and the melodies of Six String Theory, Tarea Andersen Trio, Blues Alley Youth Orchestra, and Blues Alley All-Stars.

“The Georgetown BID is proud to be host and partner of the Taste of Georgetown,” says **Juanita M. Crabb, executive director of the Georgetown BID**. “Not only does it showcase the rich menus of Georgetown restaurants and the talented musicians and performers of Blues Alley, but it invites families and the D.C. community to experience the historic sidewalks of Wisconsin Avenue as well as generate additional funding for Georgetown’s homeless programs.”

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. **Scott Greenberg**, a wine reviewer and taster for the Washington Examiner, will host the Taste of Georgetown’s first-ever wine review panel. Attendees will also have a chance to nominate their picks for the Taste’s Public Choice Awards.

Participating restaurants include 1789, Agraria, Baked and Wired, Blue Gin, Cabanas, Café Bonaparte, Chadwicks, Chez Mama-San, Filomena Ristorante, Fahrenheit, Hook, La Chaumiere, J Paul’s, Kafe Leopold’s, Manhattan’s Seafood Grill, Martin’s Tavern, Mendocino Grille and Wine Bar, Mie N Yu, Morton’s, Neyla, Old Glory BBQ, Paolo’s, Red Ginger, Rugby, Sea Catch, Seasons, Ristorante Piccolo and more!

The Taste of Georgetown wine pavilion will feature red and white wine tastings by Bacchus Wine Cellar, French Wine Society, and Potomac Wine and Spirits.

Attendees can 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 from Rosslyn and Dupont Metro Stations.

Sponsors of the event include Martens Volvo & Volkswagen, Whole Foods, Foley & Lardner, Georgetown Long & Foster, Bank of Georgetown, All Nippon Airways, Evian, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Metric Properties, Verizon, Driven, and Flex Car. Media partners of the event include DC Magazine, Washington CityPaper, and TheListAreYouOnIt.com.

For additional information and to purchase tickets, please visit TasteofGeorgetown.com.

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About the Georgetown Business Improvement District

The Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID), established, funded and founded in 1999 by its property owners and merchants, 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 has set a standard of excellence in preserving historic charm while meeting contemporary needs. From marketing and special events, to transportation and streetscape, the Georgetown BID contributes to the vitality and quality of life in Georgetown. 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 its clients by providing safe, secure housing. GMC also provides homeless outreach services including psychiatric, housing, and job placement assistance as well as access to showers, laundry, and mail services. For more information on GMC, please visit www.georgetownministrycenter.org.

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