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The Taste of Georgetown on October 15th Features Expansion and Playful New Pumpkin Food Fight Competition

*The 18th Annual Taste of Georgetown features over 30 of Georgetown's culinary
superstars showcasing cuisine with live jazz music and festive fun on
Saturday, October 15, 2011*

WASHINGTON, DC (September XX, 2011) – On Saturday, October 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., food lovers will flock to Taste of Georgetown, the “must eat” event showcasing the spectacular cuisine of over 30 of Georgetown’s finest restaurants. This year, Taste of Georgetown will feature more than 60 delectable dishes to sample, a fun new “Pumpkin Food Fight” restaurant competition, Washington CityPaper Wine, Ale & Spirits Pavilion, and the jazz talents of Blues Alley. Tickets are \$5 for one tasting and \$20 for five tastings, with proceeds benefitting the Georgetown Ministry Center’s services supporting the homeless. TOG is presented and sponsored by the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID).

The 2011 Taste of Georgetown will be bigger than last year, literally, featuring an exciting expansion down to K Street allowing for increased restaurant participation and the addition of new children’s activities including balloon sculptures and face painting.

Georgetown chefs will be playing with their food – pumpkin, specifically – with Taste of Georgetown’s new 1st Annual Georgetown “Pumpkin Food Fight” restaurant competition. Several of Georgetown’s best chefs will be preparing different dishes featuring the favorite fall ingredient, pumpkin, in a full out food competition. A panel of esteemed food journalists will judge the dishes, and attendees will be able to taste them as well. Judges include:

- Bonnie Benwick, Washington Post
- Amanda McClements, Metrocurean
- Shaun Courtney, Georgetown Patch

Restaurants participating in the Taste of Georgetown will be offering delicious dishes from their restaurants and the opportunity to dine through Georgetown in one day. This year brings some exciting new restaurant participants to the foodie street fest including Serendipity 3, the soon-to-open Pinkberry and Sequoia. Other participating restaurants include: 1789, Baked & Wired, Bangkok Joe's, Bodega Spanish Tapas & Lounge, Café Bonaparte, Clyde's, Dean & DeLuca, Filomena Ristorante, Georgetown Cupcake, Mie N Yu, Morton's the Steakhouse, Neyla, Ristorante Piccolo, Thunder Burger, Mie N Yu, and more. A full list of participants can be found online at www.tasteofgeorgetown.com

For guests looking to quench their thirst after a sampling of the neighborhood's finest food, the Washington CityPaper Wine, Ale & Spirits Pavilion is the place to be. Bigger than in years past, the Pavilion will offer everything from wines from Dave Matthews' Charlottesville Blenheim vineyard, spirits like Absolut Mango and St. Germain, and a wide selection of craft beers, such as Anchor Steam, PALM Belgian Ale and of course, three brews from recent DC newcomer New Belgium Brewing Company. Beverages tickets are \$10 for 4, and \$3 for 1 tasting.

Throughout the day, guests will taste delicious dishes, pair tasteful cuisine with wines, sip premium beer, and enjoy live music while uncovering the rare dining treasures the city has to offer. This celebration of food, wine and music benefits the Georgetown Ministry Center's (GMC) services supporting the homeless. The Georgetown BID has helped raise more than \$100,000 for GMC since 2004.

Attendees of the Taste of Georgetown can avoid parking and traffic by taking either the Circulator line from Union Station/Georgetown or the Circulator line from Rosslyn/Dupont, which runs along M Street. Event located on Wisconsin Avenue between M & K Streets. For more information and advanced ticket purchases, visit www.TasteOfGeorgetown.com.

About the Georgetown Business Improvement District

The Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the accessibility, attractiveness and overall appeal of Georgetown. Established in 1999 by its property owners and merchants, the Georgetown BID has more than 1,000 members. The organization is located in the heart of Georgetown in Washington, D.C and sets 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 please visit georgetowndc.com. Also connect with Georgetown on Twitter: www.twitter.com/GeorgetownDC, Facebook: www.facebook.com/OfficialGeorgetownDC and YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/GeorgetownDCTV.

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