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Village's Chefs' Auction To Benefit The Bridge Teen Center



The Village of Orland Park will hold its 15th annual Chefs' Auction on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the Orland Chateau from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

South suburban restaurants donate their chefs' talents and signature entrees for attendees to sample. Guests enjoy fine wines, craft beer and live musical entertainment. The evening includes a silent auction and a live auction of packages donated by the participating eateries. Business attire is required.

Confirmed silent auction items include a baseball bat hand signed by Chicago Cub Ernie Banks, an antique car ride and brunch in the country, a live artist piece by Elliott from Art Beat Live and other items.

This annual event raises funds for a chosen beneficiary with this year's proceeds benefiting The Bridge Teen Center of Orland Park.

"We chose The Bridge Teen Center because of the many services they provide for the community," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "They are a charitable organization that receives no ongoing state or federal funding, relying on money from foundations, companies and churches in the community," the mayor said.

The Bridge Teen Center is a nonprofit community center designed around the interests and needs of suburban teens. Located in Orland Park, The Bridge Teen Center serves teens and families from throughout the Chicago Southland and northwest Indiana.

The center's mission is to provide free programs during after-school and unsupervised hours where students in grades seven through high school can develop mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually in a safe environment.

The Bridge Teen Center is located at 15555 South 71st Court in Orland Park. Further information is available at <http://thebridgeteencenter.org/>. The free programs for students are offered on Tuesday through Thursday afternoons and on weekend nights.

On weekend nights, live entertainment is offered in "The Garage," The Bridge Teen Center's official music venue.

"The Chefs' Auction is a wonderful way to sample the best dishes from the area's best chefs," said Trustee Patricia Gira, chair of the village's Recreation and Parks Committee. "It's a fun night with great food supporting a worthy cause," she added.

This year's culinary theme is "childhood memories" with participating chefs creating favorite dishes from their childhoods as well as those of village officials, staff and participants at The Bridge Teen Center.

Tickets for the Chefs' Auction may be purchased at Recreation Administration, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue, and at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street. Only 350 tickets will be sold and the cost is \$55 per person, \$90 per couple. Corporate tables of 10 are \$600 and include a reserved table, center piece and a half page ad in the event program.

Further information is available by calling 708/403-7275. The Orland Chateau is located at 14500 South LaGrange Road in Orland Park.