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***Chefs for Humanity to host ART OF FOOD event
during National Restaurant Association Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show
Event to raise support for charitable 2006 celebrity chef projects***

(Chicago, Ill.) - ***Chefs for Humanity*** will host the ***Art of Food fundraising and media*** event on Sunday, May 21, 2006, at the Art Institute of Chicago 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. during the 2006 **National Restaurant Association Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show®**. This event will promote and support the organization's celebrity chef projects for 2006, including emergency and humanitarian aid projects, hunger mission work and nutrition education projects. A kick-off press conference on the Show's exhibit floor will be held on Saturday, May 20, at the Association's booth #6300 in McCormick Place.

This special fundraiser and media event will feature four amazing galleries of artwork, which will be created by nationally and/or regionally recognized chefs, including Chefs for Humanity President **Cat Cora** and Charter Chef Council and Chair **Ming Tsai**, Council Chefs, **Art Smith**, **Robert St. John**, **Joanne Boundy**, **Grant MacPherson**, **Charlie Ayers** and **Gale Gand**. Other well-known chefs participating in the event will be the "**Two Hot Tamales**" - **Mary Sue Milliken** and **Susan Feniger**, **Todd English**, **Martha Foose** and many more. An exciting post-event party will follow at Millennium Park and will be as special as the artwork undertaken by this group of committed humanitarian chefs.

"We are excited about hosting our *Art of Food* event during the NRA Show, and providing the opportunity for the Show's 73,000 attendees to see great art by great chefs," said Chefs for Humanity President Cat Cora, who is also the first female Iron Chef America. "We hope to highlight the dedication of our chefs to charitable activities and helping those in need, as well as that food is not only enjoyable on the plate, but is also a great medium for art."

To promote the event and activities of both Chefs for Humanity and the National Restaurant Association, a joint press conference will be held at the Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show, which runs May 20-23 at McCormick Place, at the Association's exhibit booth (#6300, at the entrance of the North Hall, Level 3) on Saturday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m. The press conference will feature Chefs for Humanity council members, chefs participating in *Art of Food*, and representatives from the Association. Media interested in attending the press conference should contact media@dineout.org or 202-973-3677 to gain access to the Show.

"The Chefs for Humanity's *Art of Food* event underscores that restaurants are the cornerstone of local communities across the U.S. and that industry professionals are committed to supporting their neighbors during challenging times," said Steven C. Anderson, president and chief executive

officer of the National Restaurant Association. “And what better time and place to bring awareness and educate others about the amazing charitable projects by these celebrity chefs than during our Show, which gathers more industry professionals under one roof than any other industry event.”

Tickets for the *Art of Food* event and party are limited and can be purchased on the Chefs for Humanity Web site (www.chefsforhumanity/artoffood) for \$150. The price includes the art gallery show and after party in Millennium Park. Proceeds of the event will benefit Chefs for Humanity and its partner projects.

About Chefs for Humanity

Chefs for Humanity is a grassroots coalition of chefs and culinary professionals working together to raise funds and provide resources for important emergency and humanitarian aid and nutritional and hunger education. We as an organization have instilled faith in thousands and are committed to providing the same support to countless others throughout the world. To learn more or to get involved, visit www.chefsforhumanity.org or www.chefsforhumanity.org/artoffood

About National Restaurant Association and National Restaurant Association Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show

Now in its 87th year, the annual National Restaurant Association Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show is the largest single gathering of restaurant, foodservice and lodging professionals in North and South America. As the industry’s premier business venue, it offers attendees the best opportunities of the year for networking and exploring new trends, as well as insight on myriad industry issues via seminars and special events. The 2006 Show will be held May 20-23, at McCormick Place in Chicago, Ill. The Show attracts 2,000 exhibiting companies and 73,000 attendees and visitors from all 50 states and 100+ countries. For more information, please visit the Show Web site at www.restaurant.org/show.

The National Restaurant Association, founded in 1919, is the leading business association for the restaurant industry, which is comprised of 925,000 restaurant and foodservice outlets and a work force of 12.5 million employees - making it the cornerstone of the economy, career opportunities and community involvement. Along with the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, the Association works to represent, educate and promote the rapidly growing industry. For more information, visit our Web site at www.restaurant.org.

Additional press information, project details, graphics and/or photographs to accompany this release can be obtained by members of the media by contacting Steve Weiner, Director of Marketing, Chefs for Humanity, (312) 504-0999 or on www.chefsforhumanity.org/media. For more information on the 2006 National Restaurant Association Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show, please contact media@dineout.org or (202) 973-3677.

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