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CHEFS FOR HUMANITY'S HURRICANE RESPONSE EFFORT SUMMARY

Support for Hurricane Katrina victims will continue to be a top priority

Chicago, IL, February 28, 2006-In the aftermath of the one of the most severe natural disasters to hit the United States, Chefs for Humanity quickly reacted to provide support to those affected in the gulf coast region.

Chefs for Humanity set up its operation in the Gulfport, MS and worked with an amazing group of women from the Gulfport Police department administrative services division to help and feed people in the area. In addition to that excellent group of women, Commander Randy Brown and Chief Steve Barnes worked closely with Chefs for Humanity to feed local evacuees and emergency workers who were volunteering in the region. All of these individuals welcomed our team into their kitchens and let us cook for people in the community.

Chefs for Humanity also was fortunate to receive the support of Susan Stockton of the Food Network with important assistance and culinary support. Her support combined with that of CFH Executives Cat Cora and Executive Director Debra Rainey, and celebrity chefs Ming Tsai, Charlie Ayers and Alton Brown worked tirelessly each day in Gulfport.

As a result of continued effort by volunteers to support Gulfport Emergency Services, between 3,500 and 5,000 meals were served daily for three weeks to provide food to those affected by the disaster through three shelters or via large foodservice portable food delivery trucks. A second kitchen provided breakfast, lunch, and dinner for up to feed emergency workers in the area. The second kitchen produced up to 2,750 meals a day via a cafeteria style environment or take-out meals for workers who were unable to leave their work sites. Additionally, Chefs for Humanity prepared and froze many meals and organized mise en place and menus for an additional two weeks of food service it departed the area. During this initiative, any donated food that was not used by Chefs for Humanity was given to a local culinary college and three local churches.

Combined with its food relief efforts, Chefs for Humanity also organized fundraisers in area to help support many immediate needs. The first was in Gulf Shores, AL (in September) to benefit the emergency workers in Gulfport, MS. Two additional fundraisers (One an Iron Chef competition) in November and one with Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour on March 15, 2006, in Jackson, MS will benefit the Governor's Recovery Fund.

Chefs for Humanity President Cat Cora has also participated and in numerous Hurricane Katrina fundraisers including Mississippi Rising and America's Second Harvest. She plans to continue to support Katrina relief at several upcoming Viking events in Chicago, NYC and in New Orleans in 2006.

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 humanitarian relief efforts. 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

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