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FIFTEEN ACCLAIMED CHEFS PARTICIPATED IN BENEFIT DINNER TO FIGHT HUNGER
Fifth Annual Chefs Tableside Dinner Supported Community FoodBank of New Jersey

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The Community FoodBank of New Jersey hosted its Fifth Annual Chefs Tableside Dinner at The Westin Governor Morris on Thursday, October 26. Fifteen acclaimed chefs donated their time and talents to create an unforgettable culinary experience.

Due to the event sponsorship of JPMorgan Chase & Co. and support from others, the FoodBank raised more than \$130,000, enough funds to provide over 390,000 meals for food insecure New Jersey families.

“Every year, the Chefs Tableside Dinner exceeds our expectations – thanks to the support of JPMorgan Chase & Co., The Westin Governor Morris, talented chefs and their teams, and generous donors,” said Debra Vizzi, President and CEO of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. “The funds raised will directly impact our hunger-relief efforts across the state, especially as we approach the holiday season.”

The one-of-a-kind event featured delicious food and silent and live auctions, all to benefit the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. Thomas Ciszak, Vice President of Food & Beverage at Island Hospitality Management Inc., has been instrumental in planning the annual event since its inception. Chefs prepared unique five-course menus for tables of ten guests each. To complement the memorable meal, wine pairings were generously provided by Allied Beverage Group and Treasury Wine Estates. Happy Chef also donated custom chef coats for the talented chefs.

Students of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey's Food Service Training Academy, a free, 16-week culinary and life skills program run by the FoodBank, gained firsthand experience by supporting the chefs at the event.

Find photos from the successful Chefs Tableside Dinner [here](#).

FEATURING

Chris Albrecht of The Ryland Inn
Anthony Bucco of Crystal Springs Resort
Mike Carrino of Pig & Prince
Ryan DePersio of Fascino, Kitchen Steps, Nico
Robbie Felice of Viaggio Ristorante
Alexandre Gomes of A Toute Heure
Corey Heyer of Roxiticus Golf Club
Paul Kapner of Community FoodBank of New Jersey
Eric LeVine of Morris Tap & Grill, Paragon Tap & Table
Dennis Mathews of Blue Morel
Ehren Ryan of Common Lot
John Schaefer of Tabor Road Tavern
Kevin Takafuji of Pluckemin Inn
Robert Ubhaus of Redux :the Restaurant
David Viana of Heirloom Kitchen

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey, a member of Feeding America®, provides people across the state with food, help and hope. The FoodBank distributed more than 50 million pounds of food last year to its more than 1,000 community partners including pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, mobile pantries, and child and senior feeding programs. More than 4.7 million times a year, someone in need is fed by the FoodBank's network of partners. For our neighbors, especially families, and for the volunteers and donors who support them, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey is the powerful change agent that fills the emptiness caused by hunger with the basic human essentials people need to survive.