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Louisville Chefs Bring Chocolate Dreams to Life *ElderServe Fund Raiser Will Also Recognize Caregiver of the Year*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (January 2, 2018) – Local chefs will turn Mellwood Arts Center into a veritable chocolate factory Jan. 29 during the during the 13th annual Chocolate Dreams fund raiser for ElderServe, Louisville’s oldest nonprofit devoted exclusively to supporting senior citizens.

Hundreds of guests will sample sumptuous creations as chefs and culinary professionals compete for a prize in each of four categories: Savory, International, Bluegrass and People’s Choice. The event will also recognize a Caregiver of the Year from among four nominees presented by Today’s Transitions magazine.



Last year, Chocolate Dreams brought in more than \$75,000 for ElderServe programs that help more than 2,000 older adults meeting the challenges of aging. The U.S. Census Bureau projects that the number of people 65 and older will almost double between 2012 and 2050. Meanwhile, the number of potential caregivers for every senior is expected to fall below four in 2030 – from seven in 2010.

“Clearly, the need for our services will grow, which is why fund raisers like Chocolate Dreams are so important,” said Julie Guenther, ElderServe CEO. “Most of our programming is free, thanks to community and corporate support. We are grateful for the culinary talent and our sponsors who make Chocolate Dreams possible.”

The event, which runs from 5 to 8 p.m. at 1860 Mellwood Avenue, will also feature a bourbon, wine and spirits tasting from regional producers, including Ballotin Chocolate Whiskey, Jefferson’s Bourbon, Old 502 Winery and Rivulet. The juried culinary competition includes professionals from The Arctic Scoop, Cellar Door Chocolates, Chef Z’s Catering, La Chasse, Macaron Bar, Mesh, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Varanese and Younique Soul. While guests nosh and mingle, they may also bid on unique items and packages during a silent auction.

Tickets are \$75 per person, \$135 per pair and \$700 for a table of 10. For information about competing, sponsoring or ticketing, please call ElderServe Marketing Manager Drew Hight at 502.736.3855 or visit chocolatedreams.org.

ElderServe, located at 215 W. Breckinridge St. and formed in 1962, is one of Louisville's largest non-profit organizations devoted to seniors. Its mission is to empower older adults to live independently with dignity. The organization provides services to more than 2,000 older adults annually through multiple programs with four areas of focus: supporting independence, overcoming social isolation, protecting seniors and promoting wellness. Services include home care, crime victim support, financial management and guardianship. ElderServe also operates one of the few adult day centers in northwestern Jefferson County, along with a Senior Center, both located at 631 S. 28th St. For more information and a complete list of programs, visit <https://elderserveinc.org> or call 502.587.8673.

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