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Chocolate Dreams Brings in Over \$50,000

Hundreds Attend Fund Raiser for ElderServe

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Jan. 31, 2018) – ElderServe, Louisville's oldest nonprofit devoted exclusively to supporting seniors, raised more than \$50,000 at its 13th annual Chocolate Dreams.



About 300 guests at Mellwood Arts Center sampled sweet and savory concoctions from 16 culinary professionals competing for a prize in four categories, sipped signature drinks from four local vendors and bid on a silent auction.

"We truly appreciate everyone who came together to enjoy this event and support our organization," said Julie Guenther, ElderServe CEO. "Money raised from this event supports many of the free programs we offer: from wellness activities for older adults to care management, which helps older adults and their families find resources for every stage of the aging process."



Mattox

As part of the event, Today's Transition Magazine honored Donna Mattox of Southern Indiana as 2018 Caregiver of the Year. Mattox cares for her husband, who has Parkinson's disease, while also leading a support group and producing a monthly newsletter.

For the second consecutive year, Younique Soul won the People's Choice Award, sponsored by Republic Bank, this time for its chocolate-laced chili. Winners in the other categories were:

- Chocolate Bluegrass Award, sponsored by Atria Senior Living: Napa River Grill.
- Chocolate International Award, sponsored by Kindred Healthcare: Cellar Door Chocolates.
- Chocolate Savory Award, sponsored by Kosair Charities: La Chasse.



Other competitors were: Bristol Catering, Buck's Restaurant, Chef Z's Catering, Macaron Bar, Mesh, Nothing Bundt Cakes, The Arctic Scoop, The Irish Rover, The Louisville Chocolate Fountain, The Seelbach Hotel, Varanese and Wiltshire Pantry.

Ballotin Chocolate Whiskey, Copper & Kings American Brandy, Jefferson's Bourbon, Old 502 Winery and Rivulet Artisan Pecan Liqueur supplied libations.

Additional event sponsors and in-kind donors included: Commonwealth Bank & Trust, In Bloom Again, LG&E/Kentucky Utilities, Louisville Magazine, MCM CPAs & Advisors, Norton Healthcare, Passport Health Plan, Party Zone Productions, Stites & Harbison, U of L Institute for Health & Optimal Aging and WAVE-TV.

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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