





THURSDAY JANUARY 11, 2024 6:30-10:30 PM



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Dear Friend,

You are cordially invited to partner with Easterseals South Florida for Miami's premier and longest-standing culinary event. The 33rd Annual Festival of Chefs will be held Thursday, January 11, 2024, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Jungle Island and promises to be full of fantastic food and even more great times!

At Festival of Chefs, approximately 700 guests will taste and enjoy food, desserts, wine, and spirits – all while bidding on an array of exciting silent auction packages featuring exclusive chef experiences, getaways, fine art and much more. This is all a great opportunity to not only participate in a fundraising event for a good cause, but to also to greet the very students whose lives are forever changed by supporters like you.

We are kindly requesting a silent auction item donation. This will offer you a valuable opportunity to market to our event guests, comprised of foodies, wine/spirit lovers, corporate professionals, culinary talent, media, and more!

All proceeds from the auction will directly benefit Easterseals South Florida's Culinary Arts High School, a vocational training program for students with autism and other disabilities. Your donation is directly supporting people in need and is 100% tax-deductible.

About Easterseals South Florida:

Easterseals South Florida, the indispensable resource for more than 1,700 families in South Florida, is proud to have served people and families challenged by disabilities and disadvantages for over 80 years. Easterseals is responsive to the needs of each community, helping to overcome barriers that frequently hinder access to high quality services for the families they serve. They want every child to reach his/her full potential and every adult living with Alzheimer's to live the fullest and most dignified life possible. Easterseals provides special education programs for children ages birth to 22 years old, Head Start programs, Alzheimer's day care and in-home respite services.

We sincerely hope you will support our efforts in changing the way the world defines and views disability by making profound, positive changes in people's lives every day. Attached please find the **silent auction donation form**, which we ask you to complete and return to **development@sfl.easterseals.com**. Please call us at **305.547.4719** if you have any questions or if you would like to come for a tour of Easterseals to learn more about our work!

Kindest regards,

P. Lonecorra

Pietro Bonacossa, CFRE VP Development

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