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Third Annual “Dish It Out” Raises More Than \$265,000 to Fight Childhood Hunger

PHOENIX (Oct. 29, 2015) – The third annual “Dish It Out” benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix (BGCMP) raised more than \$265,000 net on Oct. 25, 2015 to fuel the life-changing programs offered at BGCMP. With more than 2,000 Valley foodies in attendance on High Street, more than 40 restaurants, beverage vendors and experiences served up their Sunday best to hungry attendees.

From samples of filet mignon, sushi, craft beers and wine to a bourbon tasting, hand-rolled cigars and top-notch talent, guests went home satisfied and with a taste of luxury. The event, sponsored by Fry’s Food Stores, combined philanthropy, an atmosphere under the stars, gourmet fare and a dash of competition for a night to remember.

The highlight of the evening took place on the main stage. Five local chefs and an amateur chef battled it out Iron-Chef style for the title of “Dish It Out Champion.” Reigning champ Aaron May of Over Easy, The Yacht Club and The Lodge, took on Jeff Kraus of Crepe Bar; Gregory Wiener of Top of the Rock; Juan Zamora of Atlas Bistro; Chris McKinley of Culture Shock Restaurant Group and food blogger and winner of a social media search Joanie Simon.

May was knocked off his culinary throne by newcomer McKinley who took home the champion belt and bragging rights. Judges Chef Michael Snoke of Levy Restaurants, creator of the Chase Field D-bat and Churro Dog; James Beard Award-winning Chef Robert McGrath and *Check, Please! Arizona* host Robert McGrath and Write on Rubees blogger Christina Barrueta lent their culinary expertise to pick the winning dish. Radio legends Beth McDonald and Marty Manning of 99.9 KEZ emceed the culinary showdown.

Arizona is ranked 48th when it comes to childhood hunger. Last year, BGCMP served more than 290,166 healthy meals to children that depend on the Clubs for safety, meals and the opportunity to reach their full potential. Across 13 Clubs in the West Valley and Phoenix, BGCMP served 30,717 kids and teens last year.

About the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix provides after-school and summer programs in some of the Valley’s most deserving neighborhoods. Our programs focus on four key areas: Academic Success, Healthy Choices, Be Great-Do Good and Fun with a Purpose, providing youth with the tools they need to enjoy childhood and become successful adults. Every year, thousands of children and teens benefit from programs through our 13 clubhouses, outreach services in the community and children’s dental clinic.

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