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THE 17TH ANNUAL CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA – “THE STORY OF THE MEAL”

Baltimore, MD – The M&T Pavilion at The France-Merrick Performing Arts Center will be the venue for **Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland's** 17th Annual *Culinary Extravaganza – “The Story of the Meal,”* **Monday, May 4, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.** All event proceeds help feed people who are homebound, frail and elderly in Central Maryland.

Twenty-three of Baltimore's finest chefs will present gourmet cuisine that will feed those in attendance for one night, but thousands of Meals on Wheels' homebound clients for days.

Hosted by The Performing Arts Center and Spectrum Catering, **Chef Jerry Edwards**, CPCE, president and corporate chef, Chef's Expressions Catering and Consulting, and Meals on Wheels spokesperson and volunteer, will head up the slate of top chefs in the region who will be participating in the event this year, including **Chef Duff Goldman**, Charm City Cakes, and Food Network's "Ace of Cakes."

Live and Silent Auctions will also be part of the evening's festivities. **The top Live Auction item will be a “Chefs’ Dinner” prepared by ten of the Culinary chefs, including Chefs Jerry Edwards; John Walsh; Jerry Pellegrino; Barry Fleischmann; Nancy Longo; Duff Goldman; Tim Mullen; Paul Glomp; Kim Rigby; and Bill Tien.**

Music will be provided by **Freddie Stevens Entertainment, Ltd.** Sponsors to date are **EU Services; Merritt Properties, LLC; Allegis Group Foundation; Bill and Jennifer Burgy; The Law Offices of Peter T. Nicholl; Sherman Family Foundation; Constellation Energy; Leonard Paper Company; The Dorothy L. and Henry A. Rosenberg, Jr. Foundation; Lockheed Martin Information Systems; MECU; Southern Management Corporation; Walk The Walk Foundation;** and **Whiting-Turner Contracting Company.**

Media partners to date are **Baltimore Jewish Times; Style Magazine; The Maryland Daily Record; Baltimore Messenger; Generations; Comcast; Modern Babies & Children; WYPR-88.1 FM; WCBM-680 AM;** and www.downtowndiane.net (“Downtown Diane”).

Tickets are \$150, \$115 of which is tax deductible. For tickets or sponsorship information, call **443-573-0930.** To purchase tickets on-line or for more information, log on to **www.mealsonwheelsmd.org/culinary.**

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