

2010 Press Release – Culinary Classics at Chandler Hall

Chandler Hall was abuzz with excitement this past month as it hosted the 8th Annual Culinary Classics, a major fundraising event for the Hospice Program. The Program provides compassionate end-of-life care to individuals in need, regardless of their ability to pay. This year over \$38,000 was raised for Chandler Hall's Residential and Home Hospice Services, to help reimburse costs not covered by insurance.

Even with over 300 guests in the Wright Meeting Hall, it was hard to stay hungry for long due to the more than two dozen participating restaurants, caterers, wineries, breweries, bakeries and confectioneries offering samples of their tantalizing delicacies. Chandler Hall is thankful for the generosity of sponsors at all levels, vendor participants, and in-kind donors, as well as the dedication of the Culinary Classics Committee, staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make the fundraiser such a tremendous success.

Serving up a feast of delights were the Brick Hotel, the Temperance House, Florentino's Restaurant, Jules Thin Crust, La Nuova Vita, Madara's Seafood, McCaffrey's Catering, Soup to Nuts Catering and the Chandler Hall Chefs. Fresh breads, rich ice creams, and delectable pastries and sweets were provided by Cramer's Bakery, Crossroads Bake Shop, Dutch Treats at the Newtown Farmers Market, Goodnoe Farm Dairy Bar, Newtown Chocolatier, Riehl's Baked Goods and the Zebra-Striped Whale; while Buckingham Valley Vineyards, Lynn Coffee Bean & Teas, Rose Bank Winery, Starbucks Coffee Company and Triumph Brewing Company came with a refreshing bounty of beers, wines, coffees and teas.

Chandler Hall was pleased to welcome seven vendors to Culinary Classics for the first time: Dos Amores, Jamie Hollander's Gourmet Foods, Palate, Pappardelle's, Philadelphia Brewing Company, TASTE: Sand Castle Winery's Gourmet Experience, and Zook's BBQ Barn; who each brought delicious new dimensions to the event.

This year, back by popular demand was the Silent Auction. Guests bid on everything from beach houses, beef steaks and babysitting; to fine wine, fencing lessons and Phillies tickets. An array of jewelry, hand-made by Hospice care staff sparkled alongside beautiful pottery, paintings and woodwork, created by Chandler Hall residents and professional artists alike. Also of note was Chandler Hall's inaugural Special Appeal, a new fundraiser specifically for hospice beds. Proceeds from the Silent Auction tripled from last year thanks to the incredible support of donors, who contributed more than three times as many items.

Throughout the evening, guests enjoyed the harp of Laura Dishong, the piano of David Barry, and the rock of *Lohan, Franklin and Brown*. Floral arrangements from Bucks County Roses, Clark's Flower Shop, Flowers by David, Newtown Floral, and Rhodes Newtown Flower & Gift Shop set a breathtaking scene in Wright Meeting Hall, while Will Fern left crowds astounded with his mesmerizing magic.

Chandler Hall is grateful to the First National Bank and Trust Company of Newtown (The First), a key sponsor of the 8th Annual Culinary Classics. First National has been one of Chandler Hall's largest corporate donors over the last 18 years. The bank has been a part of the Newtown community since 1864, with leaders and employees who respect community members and share their values. The First's continuing support, partnership and services make a significant difference for Chandler Hall Health Services and the many persons assisted each year.