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## THE RITZ CARLTON PRESENTS CELEBRATED CHEFS COOK FOR A CAUSE

### Tastings & Cocktails Benefit For CKAKC

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**USPA NEWS** - On one ambient June eve spent elevated on deca's bar rooftop; Chicago's most celebrated chefs served guests tasty culinary treats as they cocktail-sipped + savored sweet treats to benefit Camp Kids Are Kids (CKAKC); a pediatric oncology camp for children living with cancer in an urban environment.

On a June 4th summer-temperate eve, guests gathered excitedly atop deca's rooftop bar at The Ritz-Carlton (TRC - A Four Season Hotel) Chicago, for the first Celebrated Chefs Cook for a Cause in support of Camp Kids are Kids Chicago (CKAKC).

Tom Segesta, General Manager for TRC and Vice-President of CKAKC says the organization "is a TRC-hosted annual pediatric oncology camp experience for 32 children (ages 8-16) living with cancer set in an urban environment. Our mission is to foster a spirit of joy in a fun, safe and medically sound, camping experience...that builds self-esteem, independence and friendships for children living with cancer." Source: (campkidsarekids.org)

Seven of Chicago's Top Chefs showcased remarkable tasting portions of signature dishes, accompanied by delectable desserts and beverage pairing for benefit attendees. The aromatic ambience and social business buzz of the guests was almost magical as their good vibrations muted the sounds of the Windy city in a mirrorlike, firelit, glow-in-the dark at sunset-tabled, grandiose Gold Coast setting.

The impressive lineup of chefs included:

- Carrie Nahabedian, NAHA and Brindille Restaurants
- Martin Knaubert, deca RESTAURANT + BAR
- Mauro Mafri, Pelago
- Erick Williams, mk The Restaurant
- Sarah Stegner + George Bumbaris, PRAIRIE GRASS CAFE
- Stephen Wambach, Allium Restaurant and Bar\* (exclusive 007WINterview to follow this VIP news report)
- Tony Priolo, Piccolo Sogno

Special VIP Social Business Guests were in Attendance, spotlighting in particular Mr. HUA CHAU, Chief Relationship Officer (CRO) for Community and Economic Development Assn. of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA), now an organizational partner in collaboration initiatives with CKAKC; The charitable benefit event was well-attended by major television network director along with many other Chicago-based and International C-Suite Level Executives, et. als.

Blaine J. Blanchard, Founder/President/Chairman for CKAKC) says that "...CKAKC will continue to bring joy, happiness, and fulfillment to kids living with cancer in years to come...thanks to your generous support and contributions."

Source: (campkidsarekids.org)

CKAKC will be held at The Ritz Carlton Chicago ( A Four Seasons Hotel) August 9th-13th, 2015. Gifts to the camp organization are tax deductible as provided by law.

For more information on how to support CKAKC. Visit <http://www.campkidsarekids.org>

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