

Festival OF CHEFS

36TH ANNUAL

A CELEBRATION OF CULINARY EXCELLENCE

Serving up hope. Changing lives.

Join South Florida's top chefs, restaurants and beverage purveyors for an unforgettable evening benefiting children and adults with disabilities and special needs in our community.



EVENT CHEF CHAIR
JEREMY FORD



THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2026
5:30PM – 9:30PM



JUNGLE ISLAND
1111 Parrot Jungle Trail
Miami, FL 33132



500 SMALL-PLATE PORTIONS
OF ONE SIGNATURE DISH
(SAVORY OR SWEET)
IN-KIND FOOD DONATION
FOR CHARITY EVENT



LOAD-IN / LOAD-OUT
LOAD IN 11:30AM
LOAD-OUT 2:30PM



1 PARKING SPOT AVAILABLE PER
VENDOR ACTIVATION –
ADDITIONAL SPOTS AVAILABLE
AT A DISCOUNTED \$15 FEE



PARTICIPATION
PROMOTED ON ALL
SOCIAL PLATFORMS

EASTERSEALS SOUTH FLORIDA WILL PROVIDE:

- ✓ Two (2) linen draped six-foot tables (one for prepping and one for serving)
- ✓ Access to electricity (only if needed) (requested in advance by August 21st)
- ✓ Table signage denoting the establishment's name and menu item at the event
- ✓ Easterseals South Florida will provide an acknowledgement letter of the value of donations from vendor/company for tax purposes after the event

CHEF AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ Be present at the 36th Annual Festival of Chefs on Thursday, September 24th, 2026
- ✓ Donate and serve samples of your signature dish for approximately 500 guests
- ✓ Equipment to serve, hold and display your signature dish should be provided by the participating chef
- ✓ Provide a certificate of liability insurance (COI) required by Jungle Island.
- ✓ We encourage you to decorate your table with your own props. You are welcome to distribute business cards, menus, or any promotional items at your table during the event.



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EVENT DURATION TIME: 5:30PM – 9:30PM



LOCATION: JUNGLE ISLAND MIAMI,
1111 PARROT JUNGLE TRAIL, MIAMI, FL 33132



**EASTERSEALS SOUTH FLORIDA
DAY-OF LOGISTICS CONTACT:**
ELENA RODRIGUEZ
Events and Donor Relations Coordinator
Cell: 786.514.2819

- We are expecting approx. 500 guests.
- Set up is between 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM.
- All vendors must be set up by no later than 5:00 PM. (VIP Event begins at 5:30 PM, Event begins promptly at 6:30 PM)
- **IMPORTANT:** To ensure we have enough food for the duration of the event, please refrain from serving until the event begins at 5:30 PM
- **RESTAURANT and BEVERAGE STATIONS:** Each station will have two food tables, one for dish prep in the back and one for serving. Please let us know as soon as possible if you need 2 tables for serving.
- **ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY:** MUST be arranged in advance. If you are requesting electricity, please let us by Monday, August 21st at 5 PM. Please bring your own extension cords.
- **PARKING:** ONE (1) complimentary parking spot in the Jungle Island garage per restaurant/ beverage vendor.

An Easterseals Representative will validate 1 ticket per vendor with a pass. Additional parking will be available at a discounted rate of \$15 per vehicle. **PLEASE DO NOT** leave cars parked in the loading dock area, as you may get towed.

SERVING: Each guest will have a tray with a built-in wine glass holder that they will carry through the event. Please bring anything you need to set up and serve your cooked dishes. Do not forget to bring your serving tools. **NO COOKING IS PERMITTED ONSITE!**

PLATES/CUTLERY: Your station should have.

- (6") round black appetizer plates or 12oz. bowls
- Forks or spoons
- Napkins
- You are highly encouraged to bring your own branded serving plates or cups.

SERVICE WARE: Beer/Spirits Vendors: Please bring your own branded cups to the event for approximately 500 tastings.

Wine Vendors: Each event guest will carry a branded Easterseals wine glass throughout the evening for wine tasting.

- **PROPS/DECOR:** You are encouraged to bring props, branded tablecloths to decorate your table as well as any marketing collateral you may have.
- **TEAR DOWN:** Begins at 9:30 PM (event end time)



- **LOAD IN:** Please load in via the loading dock located just past the parking garage on the northeast corner. Once you arrive, you can unload and take the service elevator located to the right side of the dock up to the third floor. Upon exiting the elevator, the event ballroom will be on the right. An Easterseals representative will then greet you inside the ballroom with a map and show you where your station will be located. Please bring all necessary equipment for loading in/out, including carts.

Thank you for partnering with Easterseals South Florida

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