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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH
JUNGLE ISLAND



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Dear Chef,

On behalf of Easterseals South Florida, I am delighted to invite you and your establishment to participate as a featured chef in the 36th Annual Festival of Chefs, South Florida's premier culinary fundraising event, taking place on Thursday, September 24, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Jungle Island.

We are also honored to welcome back Michelin-starred Chef Jeremy Ford as our 2026 Chef Chair. His continued leadership and support help elevate Festival of Chefs into one of South Florida's premier food, wine, and spirits experiences, showcasing the extraordinary talent, creativity, and innovation that define our region's culinary community.

This highly anticipated evening brings together the region's top chefs, restaurants, wineries, spirit brands, community leaders, and food enthusiasts for an extraordinary celebration of food and philanthropy. Guests will enjoy exceptional cuisine, desserts, wine and spirit tastings, and an exciting silent auction, all while supporting a mission that transforms lives throughout our community.

Festival of Chefs attracts approximately 500 discerning guests, including culinary influencers, business leaders, philanthropists, media representatives, and dedicated supporters, providing a valuable opportunity to showcase your restaurant and culinary expertise to a highly engaged audience.

For more than three decades, Easterseals South Florida's Culinary Arts High School has provided innovative education and vocational training for young adults ages 14–22 with autism and other disabilities. Through hands-on culinary instruction and workforce development programs, students gain confidence, independence, job readiness skills, and meaningful pathways toward employment and community inclusion.

Your participation directly supports these life-changing programs and offers our guests the opportunity to experience the creativity and passion that make South Florida's culinary community so exceptional. Most importantly, it allows you to play a meaningful role in helping our students build brighter futures.

We would be honored to have your culinary talents represented at this year's Festival of Chefs. Thank you for considering our invitation. We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you in creating an unforgettable evening while making a lasting impact in our community.

With gratitude,

Pietro Bonacossa, CFRE
Vice President of Development