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## America's Top Chefs Fight Hunger With Taste Of The Nation

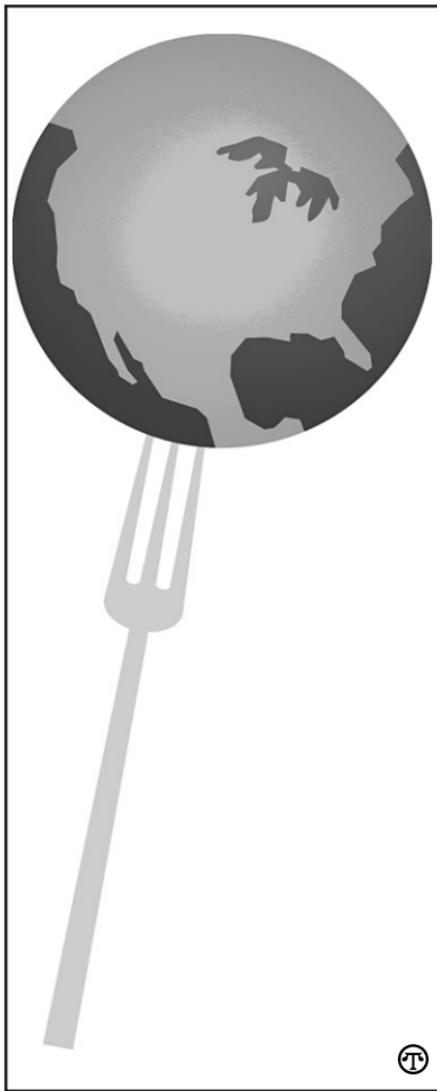
(NAPSA)—Top chefs from world-renowned restaurants join in the fight against hunger this spring at Share Our Strength's 15th annual Taste of the Nation, nationally presented by American Express. This annual food and wine event is the largest nationwide gourmet benefit to fight hunger.

This year, 65,000 guests are expected to attend the more than 100 food and wine tastings, five-star dinners and brunches held in more than 70 cities across the United States and Canada.

"Taste of the Nation mobilizes thousands of Americans to join the fight against hunger," says Bill Shore, executive director of Share Our Strength. "From the incredible chefs and volunteers who donate their time to make these events possible to the corporate sponsors like American Express, which is entering its 11th year of partnership, Taste of the Nation offers people a way to fight hunger in their own backyard."

Thanks to national partnerships, 100 percent of all Taste of the Nation ticket sales supports Share Our Strength's efforts to end hunger. In addition to national presenting sponsor American Express, EVIAN® Natural Spring Water continues its long-term commitment to ending hunger as the national bottled water sponsor, illy caffè is the premiere coffee sponsor, and Coors Brewing Company is the national beer sponsor in select markets.

"Taste of the Nation continues to be a strategic investment and outstanding event that raises more money each and every year," said Scott R. Feldman, Vice President, Industry Relations & Strategy, American Express. "We are proud that our sponsorship allows for 100 percent of the event's proceeds to directly benefit those in need and to further the Share Our Strength



**Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation events offer a delicious way to help stop hunger.**

mission to alleviate hunger. We are so pleased to have supported the program for more than a decade and believe their work is more important than ever."

Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation will be held in cities across the country through August 2002. For information about these gourmet events in your city or to purchase tickets, please log on to [www.strength.org](http://www.strength.org).