

When Foodies Attack

Food And Wine Lovers Around The Country Unite To Fight Hunger

(NAPSA)—Discriminating Los Angelenos savoring morsels of Bolivian Corn Tamales. Scores of southerners devouring hot blues-music and even hotter ribs at the Fort Lauderdale Blues, Booze & BBQ. And hundreds of New Orleans bon vivants gathered in the city's most exclusive hotel to enjoy Andouille & Creole Boudin Sausages.

What do all these food and wine lovers have in common? They are each fighting hunger. And not just their own. Across the country, gourmet food lovers attend Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation® events. Fine-dining fans "in the know" have long realized that Taste of the Nation events are the most affordable way to sample the best dining a city has to offer all in one place, and a delicious way to give back to the community. Thanks to local and national sponsors, and the volunteer efforts of some of the country's greatest chefs and community leaders, 100 percent of the event's ticket proceeds go to fight childhood hunger.

In its 18th year, Taste of the Nation has raised more than \$55 million, supporting 450 groups working to end hunger and poverty. Completely volunteer run and organized, each Taste of the Nation event is different, taking on the unique personality, culture, and cuisine of its host city.

More than 55,000 guests are expected to attend the food and



Eating well and doing good are the hallmarks of Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation.

wine tastings this year, held in 60 cities across the United States and Canada. The dramatic turnout makes the event the largest gourmet benefit of its kind.

"Taste of the Nation mobilizes thousands of Americans to join the fight against childhood hunger," says Bill Shore, Executive Director of Share Our Strength. "From the incredible chefs and volunteers who donate their time, to the national and local corporate sponsors, Taste of the Nation offers people a way to fight childhood hunger while sampling incredible cuisine."

The event's co-presenting sponsors are American Express and Jenn-Air®. National product sponsors include SYSCO Corporation, illy caffè, Brown-Forman Beverages Worldwide, and Samuel Adams, America's World-Class Beer™.

To find a Taste of the Nation event, visit www.strength.org.