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Top Chef of Polk County Community Leader/Chef Event

LAKELAND, FL (April 12, 2021) - Achievement Academy held a Community Leader and Chef Event on March 15, 2021 for “Top Chef of Polk County”. The event was hosted by Frescos Southern Kitchen & Bar. The eventful evening allowed the Community Leaders and Chefs to meet and participate in a blind drawing.

The Community Leaders were paired with one of the participating Chefs to collaborate on their fundraising efforts in the six weeks leading up to the event. The Chef/Community Leader team with the highest combined donations from the auction and online donations will be awarded the “Top Philanthropic Chef” and “Top Philanthropic Community Leader,” respectively. Last year, teams raised over \$60,000 for children with special needs.

Publix Super Markets Charities is the Exclusive Presenting Sponsor. Participating Chef Sponsor is Horne Construction Inc. Head Chef Sponsors are Citizens Bank & Trust, Hillcrest Partners Limited Partnership, and Pallet Recycle. Sous Chef Sponsors are Allen & Company, Cannon Automotive Group, Lakeland Surgical & Diagnostic Center, LLC, MIDFLORIDA Credit Union, Senator Kelli Stargel, and The Heritage Group at Morgan Stanley. Dessert Sponsor is John and Deborah Weber. Sauté Chef Sponsors are Interstate Batteries of Lakeland, Lakeland Electric, Luke Markham & the law firm of Johnson Pope, Mulling Insurance Agency, Saddle Creek Logistics Services, Summit, and Wall Titus.

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Participating chefs and their community leaders for this year's event include:

Chef Brandon Bailey, The Back Nine and Crystal Goffe, Swan City Title

Chef Jason Boniface, Cob & Pen and Karli Hughes, 4-D Engineering

Chef Tina Calhoon, Frescos Southern Kitchen & Bar and Cory Neupauer, Lakeland Automall

NEW Chef Lucy Cortes-Castaneda, Red Door Lakeland and Alice Koehler, Iron Horse Family Foundation

Chef Gene Gelb, Publix Aprons Catering & Cooking School and Patrick Spinoso, AgAmerica Lending

Chef Scott Greenlee, Patio850 and Mac Miller, AgAmerica Lending

Chef Richard Hoert, Terrie Lobb Catering, Inc. and Adam Riley, Ewing, Blackwelder & Duce Insurance

Chef Josh Lawley, Craft + Kitchen and Devindra Ramdehal, MYBOX

Chef Casey Ryan, 1916 Irish Pub and Chris McGarvey, Wall Titus, LLC

Chef Abigale Weech-Starkey, The Chop Shop and Kelsey O'Neal, Artistic General Contracting



Crystal Goffe / Chef Brandon Bailey,
The Back Nine



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Devindra Ramdehal / Chef Josh Lawley,
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Chris McGarvey / Chef Casey Ryan,
1916 Irish Pub



Kelsey O'Neal / Chef Abigale Weech-Starkey,
The Chop Shop

Sponsorship opportunities are available, but limited. For more information, please visit www.AchievementAcademy.com or contact Stacy Williams-Myers, CFRE at 863-683-6504 or Stacy@AchievementAcademy.com

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The Achievement Academy serves children from birth through age five with various developmental delays and disabilities. The Achievement Academy offers two programs, each provided at no cost to the child or family. The first program is a Charter School that offers specialized instruction by certified teachers; small class sizes; individual speech, occupational and physical therapies; and assistive technologies that enable each student to reach his or her full potential at one of the Achievement Academy's three campus locations (Lakeland, Winter Haven and Bartow). The second is a "Birth to Three Program" that provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers who are "at-risk" for developmental delays and/or have been identified with a specific delay. Professional Early Interventionists serve these children and their families.