



THIRD-ANNUAL CHEFS ON BIKES TOUR SET FOR JUNE 20, 2006

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Sterling, VA – Chefs and culinary professionals in the Washington, DC, area have announced plans for the third-annual Chefs on Bikes tour, scheduled for June 20, 2006. The day-long event, which brings together leading chefs on their motorcycles, will chart a 100-plus mile tour, featuring a unique mix of camaraderie, business interests, entertainment and charity. Planned on a larger scale for 2006, the event again will raise funds for Share Our Strength (SOS), the non-profit dedicated to eliminating childhood hunger in America.

The 2005 tour raised more than \$10,000.00 in contributions from riders, their restaurants and sponsors. Since its founding in 1984, SOS has focused its campaign on the foodservice industry, raising more than \$188-million to fight hunger worldwide.

Among the Washington chefs who will be riding in this year's event are: David Guas, owner of DC Coast; Mark Vetri, of Vetri; Robert Wiedmaier, owner, Marcel's; Cliff Wharton, Tenpenh; Yannis Felix, owner, Bistrot Du Coin; R. J. Cooper, executive Chef, Vidalia; Roberto Dona, owner, Galileo; Mike Benson, owner, Café Saint-Ex; Vincent Feraud, sommelier at Maestro, the Ritz-Carlton; David Wizenberg and Jeff Tunks, Passion Food Hospitality.

Wheeling off at Acadiana, in downtown Washington, DC, participants will ride to Lovettsville, VA, for a tour of Patowmack Farm, overlooking the Potomac River, and its organic farming business; then roll on to Purcellville and Blue Hill Farm, for a giant cook-off and party. Celebrity chefs will be on hand to judge the cooking contests and award prizes, according to Scott Hamberger, vice president at Fortessa, Inc., the Sterling, VA-based tableware company, and a sponsor of Chefs on Bikes 2006.

“We’re proud to support this event that promotes industry fellowship while raising money for a good cause,” said Mr. Hamberger. Chefs on Bikes was co-founded by Mr. Hamberger and Jean-Philippe Krukowicz, owner of Kruko, Inc., the Washington, DC, foodservice company. The third annual bike event is expected to attract chef-riders from across the mid-Atlantic region, Mr. Hamberger said.