



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Put *Serving up Solutions 2013* on Your Calendar

LITTLE ROCK, AR (May 7, 2013)– The press is invited to attend the sixth annual *Serving Up Solutions* event, sponsored by the Arkansas Legislative Hunger Caucus and benefitting the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance.

Serving up Solutions 2013
Thursday, June 20th, from 6:30 – 9:00 PM
Arkansas Governor's Mansion.

The evening includes lighthearted, bipartisan political banter, a four-course dinner —prepared by some of Arkansas's premier chefs and served to guests by First Lady Ginger Beebe and members of the Arkansas Legislative Hunger Caucus—as well as silent and live auctions. This year's event is co-chaired by Debra Wolfe-Sheppard, director of governmental affairs for the Arkansas Pharmacists Association, and Courtney Sheppard, a principal partner at the Government Solutions firm. Both co-chairs are longtime advocates who are committed to finding solutions to the issue of hunger in Arkansas.

Chefs lending their support and culinary expertise to this year's dinner are:

- Donnie Ferneau
- Gilbert Alaquinez, Tyler Steelman and Patrick Herron of *the Governor's Mansion Culinary Staff*
- Matt Bell of *South on Main*
- Jeffrey Moore of *Terry's Finer Foods*

The live auction portion of the evening will feature paintings by noted Arkansas artists Pat Matthews and Tracee Gentry-Matthews, who will be painting live at the event. Many other Arkansas artists are contributing pieces of their work to the silent auction including: Jim

Johnson, Dixie Knight, V.L. Cox, Kelly Edwards, Michael Warrick, Patty Criner, Lynn Sudderth and others.

Proceeds from the event go to help support Alliance programs and to fund capacity building grants that participating legislators are eligible to award to Alliance member food pantries and hunger relief agencies in their districts. Last year's event resulted in approximately \$20,000 in grants to fund hunger relief programs across the state.

Members of the press who wish to cover *Serving up Solutions 2013* should RSVP to Nancy Conley, Communications Director, at nconley@arhungeralliance.org for inclusion on the event's press list.

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About the Alliance

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance is a non-profit collaborative network of more than 250 hunger relief organizations across Arkansas including the Arkansas Foodbank in Little Rock, the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas in Jonesboro, Harvest Texarkana Regional Food Bank in Texarkana, Food Bank of North Central Arkansas in Norfork, Northwest Arkansas Food Bank in Bethel Heights and River Valley Regional Food Bank in Fort Smith who are dedicated to reducing hunger through direct relief, education and advocacy. We invite you to visit www.ARhungeralliance.org for details on hunger relief programs and volunteer opportunities.