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READY...SET...COOK!

To Benefit Gifts of Love

Sunday, July 11th at 11:00AM

Tunxis Plantation Country Club

87 Town Farm Road, Farmington, CT 060032

Passion and expertise are the key ingredients for a fun filled, fast-paced cooking showdown at the Tunxis Plantation Country Club. Hosted by **Rachel Lutzker (Fox 61 news) and Cory Myers (Country 92.5 Morning show host)**, guests will watch four teams comprised of Celebrity Chefs, Local Celebrities, and Executive Sponsors compete against each other as they turn a selection of everyday ingredients into two extraordinary meals. A panel of culinary elite judges will be on hand to taste, critique and ultimately award one team the title of Gifts of Love "Top Chefs!" Leading the panel of judges will be MaryEllen Fillo (Java Columnist- Hartford Courant and appears daily on the Jerry Kristafer show on 102.9 DRC-FM - The Big D). Guests attending the event will have the opportunity to win a spot working side by side with their favorite chefs.

This year's "READY, SET, COOK!" showdown will include Chefs Kevin Cottle and Van Hurd, both from the Country Club of Farmington and appeared on the reality TV show "Hell's Kitchen", Tyler Anderson, Exec. Chef at The Copper Beech Inn and winner of reality TV show "Chopped" and William Carbone, Exec. Chef and partner of Dish Bar & Grill. Local Celebrities include Mary Glassman (Simsbury's First Selectman and currently running for Lt. Governor), Linda Schofield (State Representative), Jim Bosh (Country 92.5 Morning show host) and Bob Crawford (Sports Announcer for the Hartford Wolfpack). The panel of elite judges include MaryEllen Fillo (Java Columnist- Hartford Courant and appears daily on the Jerry Kristafer show on 102.9 DRC-FM - The Big D), Terry Walters (Chef and author of "Clean Food") and David Pianka (Chef and owner of Papcelle Restaurant). Food sponsors include The Meat House "Your Neighborhood Butcher", Community Farm of Simsbury many local businesses.

Cost: \$35 Per Person and includes: Brunch, Cooking Showdown, Live Entertainment, Complimentary Champagne, Delicious Desserts and Make your own Sundae's! The day also includes: Tea Cup/Silent Auctions and More!

Tickets available for purchase on-line at www.giftsoflovect.org OR at the following locations:

- * Gifts of Love, 35 East Main Street, Avon (860) 676-2323
- * The Hair Loft, Riverdale Farms, 136 Simsbury Road, Avon (860) 674-9460
- * Tunxis Plantation Country Club, 87 Town Farm Road, Farmington (860) 677-1367

ABOUT GIFTS OF LOVE:

The mission of Gifts of Love is to help meet the basic needs of individuals and families experiencing a temporary financial crisis so they can achieve or maintain self-sufficiency. The organization has helped thousands of people across more than 30 Connecticut towns, thanks to generous donations from individuals, foundations and corporations. For more information visit www.giftsoflovect.org or call (860) 676-2323