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Project Open Hand Introduces annual “Taste of the City” Benefit Gala

Thursday, May 5, 2016 at San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14, 2016 – Project Open Hand will hold their second annual gala, Taste of the City, in support of the organization’s *meals with love*. The benefit will bring those with an appetite for philanthropy to San Francisco’s finest chefs’ tables for an exciting culinary experience. The gala will take place on Thursday, May 5, 2016, starting at 5:30 pm at San Francisco City Hall.

The once yearly Taste of the City celebrates the 31st anniversary of Project Open Hand, a nonprofit founded in San Francisco that has provided more than 18 million nutritious meals to critically ill neighbors and seniors in the Bay Area.

“This year’s Taste of the City gala will provide both a unique dining experience, as well as opportunities to get involved in Project Open Hand’s work” said Mark Ryle, CEO of Project Open Hand.

“It is through the cooperative efforts of the community and our partners that Project Open Hand has flourished over the last 31 years. Our continued growth and success is based on the support of our community; each and every person plays a vital role in the POH story.”

Sponsored by Marcia and John Goldman, Taste of the City kicks off at 5:30 pm with a luxurious cocktail reception at City Hall. Guests will be greeted by two of Bay Area’s most iconic drag personalities, Pollo Del Mar and MGM Grande. The glamorous performers will serve as emcees and auctioneers for the evening and enjoy the company of guests, who will be dining on delicious appetizers, enjoying signature drinks, and bidding on fabulous items in the live auction.

After the cocktail reception, parties of ten will be chauffeured to one San Francisco’s most acclaimed restaurants for an exceptional chef’s dinner, paired expertly with wine. Those guests who are not attending dinner are encouraged to stay at City Hall to enjoy cocktails, entertainment and more fun.

The outstanding lineup of participating restaurants includes: 1760, Amber India, Alta, Bar Agricole, Boulettes Larder, Cadence SF, Contigo, Dirty Water, Fable, Fogo de Chao, Luce, Nob Hill Club at The Mark Hopkins, Oola, Ozumo, Palio D’Asti, Piperade, Range, Scala, Starbelly, The Progress, Tosca Cafe.

In addition to our premier sponsors, Taste of the City is generously sponsored by James. C Hormel, United Airlines, PWC, Gilead Sciences, Inc., and OpenTable.

Event information and tickets are available at <http://www.openhand.org/events/taste-city-2016>

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About Project Open Hand

Project Open Hand is a nonprofit organization that provides meals with love to seniors and the critically ill. Our food is like medicine, helping clients recover from illness, stay well, and lead healthier lives. Every day, we prepare 2,500 nutritious meals and provide 200 bags of healthy groceries to help sustain our clients as they battle serious illnesses, isolation, or the health challenges of old age. We serve San Francisco and Alameda Counties, engaging more than 125 volunteers every day to nourish our community. Learn more at openhand.org.