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

Thursday, May 7, 2015 at San Francisco City Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30, 2015 – Project Open Hand’s inaugural Taste of the City benefit will bring those with an appetite for philanthropy to San Francisco’s finest chefs’ tables – all in support of Project Open Hand’s *meals with love*. The gala will take place on Thursday, May 7, 2015, starting at 5:30 pm at San Francisco City Hall.

The inaugural Taste of the City celebrates the 30th anniversary of Project Open Hand, a nonprofit founded in San Francisco that provides more than one million nutritious meals annually to critically ill neighbors and seniors in the Bay Area.

“Taste of the City has quickly become one of the hottest tickets in town,” said Mark Ryle, co-CEO of Project Open Hand. “Our ‘moveable feast’ experience will surprise and delight foodies and philanthropists alike, showcasing culinary treasures from every neighborhood in the City.”

Sponsored by Marcia and John Goldman and Ambassador James Hormel, Taste of the City kicks off at 5:30 pm with a luxurious cocktail reception at City Hall. Guests will enjoy the company of community activist Donna Sachet, author Armistead Maupin and NBC Bay Area's Chief Meteorologist Jeff Ranieri, all while dining on scrumptious appetizers, enjoying complimentary signature martinis and bidding on fabulous items in the silent auction.

After the cocktail reception, parties of ten will be chauffeured to one of 40 of San Francisco’s most acclaimed restaurants for an exceptional chef’s dinner, paired expertly with wine.

After dinner, guests will return to City Hall for an after party full of delicious desserts, cocktails, entertainment and more fun.

The outstanding line up of participating restaurants includes: Absinthe, Anzu, AsiaSF, Bar Crudo, Bar Agricole, Boulette's Larder, Bob's Steak & Chop House, Campton Place, Canela, Contigo, Farallon, Le Central, Local Kitchen & Wine Merchant, Mission Rock

Resort, Oola, Palio D'Asti, Poesia, Reverb, Starbelly, The Corner Store, The Cliff House, Twenty Five Lusk, and Waterbar.

Fantastic appetizers will be provided by 49 Square Catering, Bitters, Bock & Rye, Huxley, McQuade Celtic Chutney and Walzwerk. The delectable desserts served at the after party will be provided by Hot Cookie, Hooker's Sweet Treats and Mission Mini's.

In addition to our premier sponsors, Taste of the City is generously sponsored by Baker & McKenzie LLC, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Wells Fargo.

Event information is available at TasteOfTheCity.OpenHand.org.

About Project Open Hand

Founded in 1985, 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, get stronger 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. Visit OpenHand.org

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