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RECIPE FOR SUCCESS FOUNDATION INTRODUCES OPEN KITCHENS TOUR

Al Ross Luxury Homes hosts kickoff party and makes surprise announcement

JUNE 12, 2014, HOUSTON, Texas. Last night, Recipe for Success Foundation announced the 2015 Open Kitchens Tour with a chic cocktail supper, hosted by Al Ross Luxury Homes in their spectacular newly built River Oaks swankienda.

Over 200 guests erupted into wild applause when Recipe for Success Board Member Michael Pearce made a surprise announcement: Mr. Ross will make a generous donation to the Foundation **if the home sells in the next 30 days**—up to \$100,000 if one of the evening's party guests decides to buy it. Everyone was equally excited to hear about the Open Kitchens Tour, a new concept for the Houston-based nonprofit.

The first **Open Kitchens Tour is scheduled for May 1-3, 2015**. It will feature a rare peek into the heart of Houston's most splendid homes where meals are prepared, celebrated and shared with family and friends. *Chef's Table* donors will enjoy an advance look at the showcase kitchens during an exclusive progressive dinner featuring the culinary mastery of Houston's most celebrated chefs. Tours for *First Taste* premium ticket holders and the media will be on May 1 and will be available for the general public on May 2 and 3.

Nomination forms for kitchens to be considered by the jury for inclusion in the Open Kitchens Tour were made available to the designers, architects and members of the media who attended the kickoff party on June 11. Forms may be requested from Recipe for Success Foundation through December 1, 2014. **Nominations must be completed and submitted by December 31, 2014.**

Partygoers Tuesday night enjoyed a taste of things to come with decadent bites by Chefs Kiran Verma of Kiran's, Donald Chang of Nara & Uptown Sushi, David Grossman of Fusion Taco and Chocolatier Annie Rupani of Cacao & Cardamom. Sponsors H-E-B, Deep Eddy Vodka and St. Arnold's Brewery provided the scrumptious ingredients for the evening.

For more info about Open Kitchens Tour or to request a nomination form, email events@recipe4success.org or call Stephanie at 713.520.0443.

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High-resolution event photos available upon request.

About Recipe for Success Foundation

Since 2005, Recipe for Success Foundation has worked to combat childhood obesity by changing the way our children understand, appreciate and eat their food, and by educating and mobilizing the community to provide healthier diets for children with programs that have empowered more than 20,000 Houston children with the knowledge and skills they need to lead healthier lives. The Foundation works to create a culture where nutritious food is shared, appreciated, and celebrated. Through its award-winning efforts like the nationally offered Seed-to-Plate Nutrition Education™, Eat It! Food Adventures children's cookbooks and the VegOut! 30-Day Challenge, the Foundation works to make healthy food appealing and available to everyone. More at recipe4success.org.