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## RECIPE FOR SUCCESS TO RECOGNIZE COMMUNITY LEADERS AT ANNUAL LUNCH

**July 24, 2017. Houston, Texas.** On November 28th at the River Oaks Country Club, Recipe for Success Foundation will recognize inspiring community activists, who are dedicated to making Houston a better place to live, at their annual **Art of Food and Community Awards Lunch**. Chaired by **Fady Armanious** and **Bill Baldwin** the lunch features a menu crafted by **Chef Greg Martin, Chef Monica Pope and Chef Ryan Pera** and kids from two Houston elementary schools who participate in Recipe for Success Foundation's Seed-to-Plate Nutrition Education™. The luncheon celebrates the power of a shared meal to shape conversation, culture and communities.

Mistress of Ceremonies **Dominique Sachse** of KPRC-Houston will set the tone for the spirited luncheon celebrating the great work of award winners, including **Bettina Elias Siegal** and her nationally acclaimed LunchTray.com advocating for healthier school lunches and shining a light on the critical importance children's nutrition; **Hallie Vanderhider's** support of Houston non-profits focused on health and the arts, including Memorial Hermann, The Heart Association, Museum of Fine Art Houston and The Ballet; **Dr. Sippi Khurana** and her sustenance of Pratham USA and the Women's Home; **Claire Theilke** for her dedication to Recipe for Success Foundation, Preservation Alliance, Art Bridge and Legacy Community Services, and **Philamena Baird** for her decades of work advancing the causes of crucial charities and civic programs like Children At Risk, Memorial Hospital Foundation, The Women's Fund, Houston Arts Alliance, Heart Association, Theater Under the Stars, and Harris County-Houston Sports Authority.

The Foundation is also recognizing leaders for their critical support of our work to combat childhood obesity and make it easier for Houston families to provide healthier diets for their children: **Volunteer of the Year, T'Liza Kiel** with the Mission Continues, **Chef of the Year, Greg Martin** and the **VegOut! 2017 Top Fundraiser, Ariana Smetana**.

**Starr & Jack Massing** are chairing the committee to sell raffle tickets, which will be drawn at the lunch. Buyers have a chance to win one of three prizes, including hand-blown Murano Glass tableware; a year's worth of produce from Hope Farms or tickets to a Hope Farms Chefs in the Field Dinner. The tickets--\$25 each or 5 for \$100 are available now from committee members or by contacting Recipe for Success Foundation. Tables for underwriters range from \$25,000 to \$5,000; Tickets for the event begin at \$150 up to \$500. More information at 713-520-0443, [info@recipe4success.org](mailto:info@recipe4success.org) or purchase online <http://bit.ly/2uG9CXd>

## 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. Its programs have empowered more than 35,000 youth with the knowledge and skills to make a lifetime of healthy eating decisions. Through efforts—including the nationally offered Seed-to-Plate Nutrition Education™, Farmers MarKIDS™ curriculum, Eat It! Food Adventures children's cookbooks, the VegOut! 30 Ways in 30 Days Challenge and Hope Farms, the Foundation aims to make healthy food appealing and available to everyone. It works to establish healthy eating as the norm and to create a culture in which nutritious food is shared, appreciated, and celebrated. Learn more at [recipe4success.org](http://recipe4success.org).