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MEDIA ADVISORY

Former Presidential Executive Chef to “stir things up” at Fundraiser Dinner for Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. NC State Rep. Debbie Clary to Speak.

(Shelby, NC) August 18, 2008 – A former Executive Chef to the President of the United States of America will be, “getting his just desserts,” and a few other entrees together as the Keynote Speaker at a fundraiser dinner for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina on September 6, 2008. The gourmet eight-course dinner will be held at the Cleveland Country Club, 1360 East Marion Street, Shelby, NC. It will feature First Family favorites and a few anecdotes while Chef Marti cooks LIVE in front of the crowd. NC State Representative Debbie Clary will be speaking about the importance of public and private support of food banks. Cathy Horton Hunt will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina serves Cleveland County which has a population of 98,373. There are 15,149 individuals living at or below the poverty level. This represents 15.4% of the population. There are 1,863 individuals 65 years and older living at or below the poverty level. This represents 14% of the older adult population. There are 4,648 children living at or below the poverty level. This represents 19% of the child population. In 2007-2008, the Food bank distributed over 25 million pounds of food throughout our 19 county service region. In 2007-2008, the Food Bank distributed **460,347** pounds of food to agencies in **Cleveland County**. The Food Bank serves 28 agencies in Cleveland County including Upper Cleveland Area Needs, Shelby Presbyterian Church, Greater Cleveland Baptist Association, Bethany First Baptist Church, Central United Methodist Church and Crossroads Rescue Mission. The Food Bank has a branch warehouse in Dallas, North Carolina. This branch has greatly reduced time and transportation expenses for Cleveland County agencies to acquire food.

The Inn is run by a former Executive Chef to the President and First Family of the United States of America – Martin CJ Mongiello. Marti is a US Navy Retired veteran of 21 years. His wife Stormy and step-son James are trained Chefs also with Stormy having served four years herself - in the US Navy. The new Inn is a fully-functioning bed and breakfast built by the great-great, grandson of Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Hambright, Assistant Surgeon Alfred Hambright in 1879. It features silver chandeliers and 20 foot tall ceilings. They showcase the first-ever Presidential Culinary Museum with artifacts and archived materials, plates, menus and memorabilia spanning over 200 years of US history. They cook private dinners around the world, locally and for benefits to charity and corporations via, the Cooking with Chef Marti Television and Road Show.

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