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THE 14TH INTERNATIONAL

Risotto Festival

Benefiting BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

2-6 PM



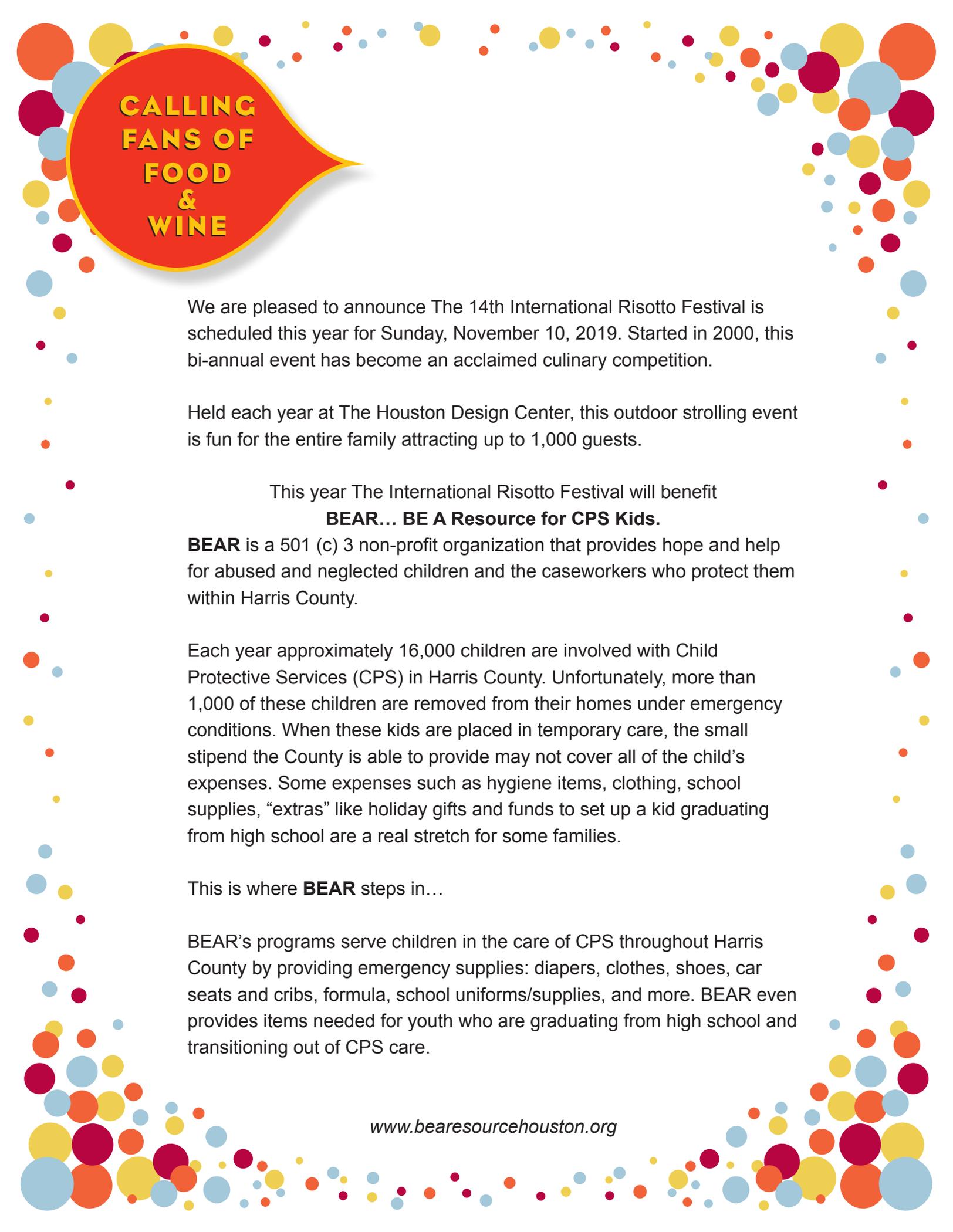
A delicious afternoon of Food, Fun and Festivities for the entire family!

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WINE AND DINE IN THE CENTER OF IT ALL!



CALLING FANS OF FOOD & WINE

We are pleased to announce The 14th International Risotto Festival is scheduled this year for Sunday, November 10, 2019. Started in 2000, this bi-annual event has become an acclaimed culinary competition.

Held each year at The Houston Design Center, this outdoor strolling event is fun for the entire family attracting up to 1,000 guests.

This year The International Risotto Festival will benefit
BEAR... BE A Resource for CPS Kids.

BEAR is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that provides hope and help for abused and neglected children and the caseworkers who protect them within Harris County.

Each year approximately 16,000 children are involved with Child Protective Services (CPS) in Harris County. Unfortunately, more than 1,000 of these children are removed from their homes under emergency conditions. When these kids are placed in temporary care, the small stipend the County is able to provide may not cover all of the child's expenses. Some expenses such as hygiene items, clothing, school supplies, "extras" like holiday gifts and funds to set up a kid graduating from high school are a real stretch for some families.

This is where **BEAR** steps in...

BEAR's programs serve children in the care of CPS throughout Harris County by providing emergency supplies: diapers, clothes, shoes, car seats and cribs, formula, school uniforms/supplies, and more. BEAR even provides items needed for youth who are graduating from high school and transitioning out of CPS care.

www.bearesourcehouston.org

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Featuring

Top Chefs

Professional Risotto Competition & Tasting

Fabulous Wines

Music & Entertainment

Designer Showroom Tours

Charity Auction

Exotic Cars

Activities for Kids

Awards Ceremony

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UNDERWRITERS & BENEFACTORS OPPORTUNITIES

Event Underwriter ~ \$20,000

- Name recognition associated with the event. The event will be titled: **"Your Company Name" Presents The International Risotto Festival!**
- Presenting sponsorship recognition in all print and electronic media including www.RisottoFestival.com website
- Category Exclusivity
- Opportunity to have a booth or display at the event
- Opportunity to display sponsor provided signage and banner onsite the day of the event
- Acknowledgement in the event program
- Participation in the Awards Ceremony
- 30 VIP Badges with access to VIP Lounge with premium wines, desserts and more
- 15 VIP Parking Passes

Event Benefactor ~ \$10,000

- Name recognition associated with the event. The Sponsor Name will be recognized in all print and electronic media including www.RisottoFestival.com website
- Category Exclusivity
- Opportunity to have a booth or display at the event
- Opportunity to display sponsor provided signage and banner onsite the day of the event
- Acknowledgement in the event program and the Awards Ceremony
- 20 VIP Badges with access to VIP Lounge with premium wines, desserts and more
- 10 VIP Parking Passes

Official Sponsor ~\$5,000

- Prominent name recognition in all print and electronic media including www.RisottoFestival.com website
- Opportunity to have a booth or display at the event
- Acknowledgement in the event program and Awards Ceremony
- Category Exclusivity
- 10 VIP Badges with access to VIP Lounge with premium wines, desserts and more
- 5 VIP Parking Passes

Co-Sponsor ~ \$2,500 (Limited Availability)

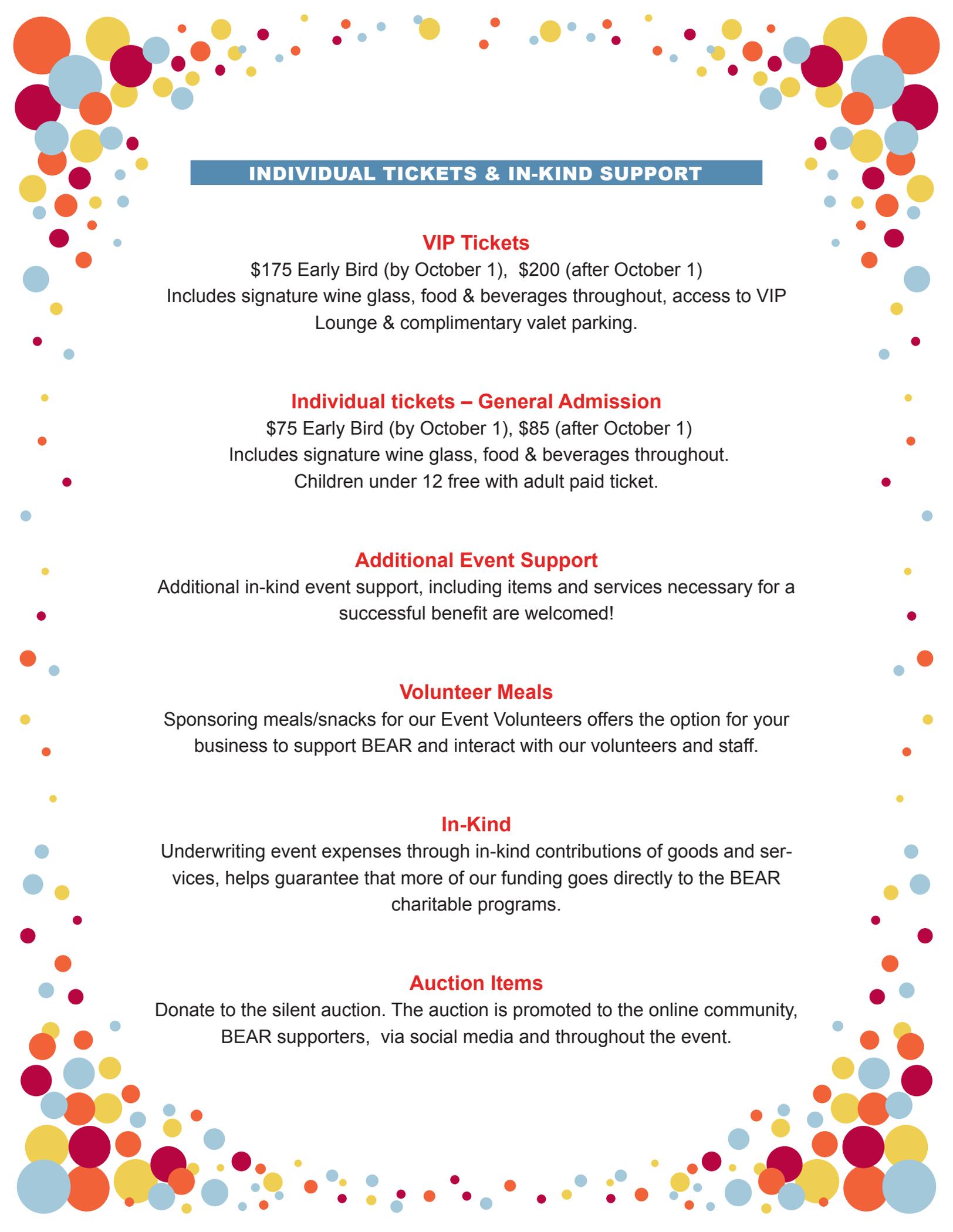
- Prominent name recognition in all print and electronic media including www.RisottoFestival.com website
- 6 VIP Badges with access to VIP Lounge with premium wines, desserts and more
- 3 VIP Parking Passes

Showroom Sponsor ~ \$1,000 (By Invitation)

- Prominent name recognition in all print and electronic media including www.RisottoFestival.com website
- Opportunity to sponsor a Professional Risotto Team with your logo recognition on a stand sign
- 2 VIP Badges with access to VIP Lounge with premium wines, desserts and more
- 1 VIP Parking Pass
- 10 General admission tickets

Host Committee Sponsor ~ \$500 (By Invitation)

- Prominent name recognition in all print and electronic media including www.RisottoFestival.com website
- Invitation to the Kick-Off Party
- 2 VIP Badges with access to VIP Lounge with premium wines, desserts and more
- 1 VIP Parking Pass



INDIVIDUAL TICKETS & IN-KIND SUPPORT

VIP Tickets

\$175 Early Bird (by October 1), \$200 (after October 1)
Includes signature wine glass, food & beverages throughout, access to VIP Lounge & complimentary valet parking.

Individual tickets – General Admission

\$75 Early Bird (by October 1), \$85 (after October 1)
Includes signature wine glass, food & beverages throughout.
Children under 12 free with adult paid ticket.

Additional Event Support

Additional in-kind event support, including items and services necessary for a successful benefit are welcomed!

Volunteer Meals

Sponsoring meals/snacks for our Event Volunteers offers the option for your business to support BEAR and interact with our volunteers and staff.

In-Kind

Underwriting event expenses through in-kind contributions of goods and services, helps guarantee that more of our funding goes directly to the BEAR charitable programs.

Auction Items

Donate to the silent auction. The auction is promoted to the online community, BEAR supporters, via social media and throughout the event.



MORE ABOUT THE EVENT BENEFICIARY

The unsettling truth is that the number of children under the care of Child Protective Services continues to rise in Harris County, which is the largest county in Texas by population. In fact, at any given moment, there are **over 16,000** children involved in CPS-related cases, **over 1,000** of which are removed from their homes under emergency situations and placed into the custody of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). As this number increases, the need for services also continues to expand, which is where additional fundraising and donations can make an immense impact.

This where BEAR steps in. BEAR is the only 501 (c)(3) organization working with Harris County CPS and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services that offers unique programs - that provide not only the basic needs of children recently uprooted, but also supportive services that provide comfort, dignity, and celebration of successes that propel the child toward a successful future - for abused and neglected children.

Founded by a group of concerned citizens, BEAR was first created to provide emergency supplies to children involved with Child Protective Services (CPS) in Harris County. To do this, BEAR operates five main programs that support abused and neglected children in varying capacities. These programs include:

- 1** The **BEAR Necessities program** that provides over 10,800 children annually with clothing, shoes, diapers, car seats, air mattresses and more to meet the immediate needs of children removed from their homes under emergency situations.
- 2** The **BEAR Back to School** program that provides over 4,000 children with the necessary tools, like uniforms and school supplies, they need to succeed educationally in the coming school year.
- 3** **BEARing Gifts**, which provides over 10,000 children during the holidays - an emotionally challenging season for children in this position - in the form of brand-new gifts.
- 4** **BEAR Graduation Celebration** commemorates graduates from high school and those that obtain their GED on their achievement and assists in their transition to independent living with gifts and supplies.
- 5** The **Heart Gallery is BEAR's newest program** that will directly impact children in Harris County foster care awaiting forever families. Although new to BEAR, this program has already received an incredible starting donation and interest from several community partners whose involvement will significantly enhance this program.

For the last 21 years, BEAR has been an important advocate for the most vulnerable population in Houston...its children. BEAR is not able to operate these vital programs, however, without the generosity and support of the community.

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ORDER FORM

NAME of ORGANIZATION or DONOR _____
(As it should appear in the invitation and program)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAYTIME TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

UNDERWRITERS & BENEFACTORS

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|---|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EVENT UNDERWRITER | \$ 20,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EVENT BENEFACTOR | \$ 10,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OFFICIAL SPONSOR | \$ 5,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CO-SPONSOR | \$ 2,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HOST COMMITTEE SPONSOR (2 VIP Tickets) | \$ 500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HOST COMMITTEE SPONSOR (4 VIP Tickets) | \$ 1,000 |

TICKETS

To purchase tickets online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/international-risotto-festival-tickets-33090646013>

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| <input type="checkbox"/> EARLY BIRD VIP TICKET | Qty. _____ (If purchased in advance by Oct. 1) | \$ 175 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VIP TICKET | Qty. _____ (If purchased after Oct. 1) | \$ 200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET | Qty. _____ (If purchased in advance by Oct. 1) | \$ 75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET | Qty. _____ (If purchased after Oct. 1) | \$ 85 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHILDREN UNDER 12 | Qty. _____ | FREE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NANNY PASS WITH CHILDREN | | FREE |

I am unable to attend but please accept my donation of \$ _____

Check Enclosed: \$ _____ (Make checks payable to: *The International Risotto Festival*)

Please charge my credit card:

- Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Name on Card _____

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ CVS # _____

Thank you for your support!



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SILENT AUCTION DONOR FORM

Donor Name (as it should appear in all printed materials):

Contact Name: _____

Address : _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

URL: _____

Summary of Donation: _____

Market Value: \$ _____

Detailed Description (include quantity): _____

- My Auction Donation item is enclosed
- Please contact me regarding pick-up/delivery of my donation item
- Please create a gift certificate for my donation item, and send me a copy

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