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Celebrity Chef Charlie Trotter joins local Charleston chefs in a fundraising “extravaganza” at The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort – Benefiting the MUSC Hollings Cancer Center

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. —Kiawah Island Golf Resort today announced that famed celebrity chef, Charlie Trotter, will host the opening event of its March 13-15, 2009 “Gourmet & Grapes” fine food and wine event to benefit the Medical University of South Carolina Hollings Cancer Center. The exclusive Black Tie Wine Dinner will be held the evening of March 13th in the fine-dining restaurant at the resort’s AAA Five Diamond/Mobil Five Star-rated oceanfront hotel and spa, The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort.

With the support of the Sanctuary’s culinary team, Chef Trotter will create a special four-course menu in careful coordination with select wines from the Maison Louis Latour collection. Participating guests will have the once-in-a-lifetime honor of having Monsieur Louis Latour himself unveil and present his selection of 2007 Burgundy wines for the first time in the United States. Weekend package guests will have the exclusive opportunity to meet Chef Trotter at a VIP reception followed by dinner and a presentation by the chef. They will also receive a complimentary signed copy of one of Chef Trotter’s books. (For those not attending the Black Tie Wine Dinner, Chef Trotter will be available to sign his books on Saturday morning from 10-11am. Books will be available for purchase.)

Chef Charlie Trotter is best known for his nationally aired, award winning PBS cooking series, “The Kitchen Sessions with Charlie Trotter.” *Charlie Trotter's* restaurant in Chicago, which opened in 1987, was named as the 30th-best restaurant in the world, and 5th-best in the United States in 2007 by the well-respected "Restaurant Magazine". It has also made the prestigious Gayot's Top 40 US Restaurants list every year since 2004. Chef Trotter is the author of 14 cookbooks and three management books, and has received awards at the White House from both President Bush and Colin Powell for his work with his Culinary Foundation and was named one of only five 'heroes' to be honored by Colin Powell's charity, Americas Promise. In 2005, Chef Trotter was awarded the Humanitarian of the Year award by the International Association of Culinary Professionals for his overall service to the community.

The inaugural Gourmet & Grapes at The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort will allow guests to indulge in a five star culinary experience paired with some of the world’s most prestigious wines – all while raising money and awareness for world-wide cancer

research. Guests are invited to test their palates with distinguished wines from around the world, and experience delicious cuisine from Sanctuary chefs, chefs from various Charleston restaurants as well as Chef Trotter. Proceeds from this event, including a live and silent auction, will benefit the Medical University of South Carolina Hollings Cancer Center – a National Cancer Institute designated cancer center.

Weekend events include:

- A champagne tasting and seminar, hosted by Moët Hennessy showcasing the champagnes from their portfolio.
- A cooking demonstration luncheon with Chateau Ste. Michelle.
- Dan Duckhorn, Chairman and founder of Duckhorn Wine Company, will conduct a Cabernet Sauvignon tasting and discussion showing the progression of Cabernets from 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000 vintages.
- Aldo Rafanelli, of Antinori Estates, will conduct an Italian wine tasting and seminar.
- Ten of Charleston's most recognized restaurants will showcase their signature dishes matched with wines from the suppliers attending.
- A Champagne & Sweets Afterglow featuring exclusive champagnes and decadent desserts.

Sanctuary accommodations start from \$2219 per person, double occupancy, based on two nights stay. Villas accommodations start from \$1703 per person, double occupancy for one-bedroom West Beach scenic accommodations. Saturday Chef Expo Day Passes are available for \$300 per person. A Saturday Lunch and Seminar Pass is available for \$125 per person. (Individual day passes will be available after January 12th. To be put on the waiting list, please visit the website for contact information.) Fifty percent of proceeds will benefit MUSC'S Hollings Cancer Center and appropriate documentation will be provided. [Click here](#) for more information.

Located along 10 miles of pristine beach just south of Charleston, SC, Kiawah Island Golf Resort is rated as the top resort by readers of *Golf World* magazine and #3 in the U.S. by readers of *Conde Nast Traveler*. It includes The Sanctuary – a AAA Five Diamond and Mobil Five Star-rated, 255-room hotel and spa – and 600 private villas and luxury homes. The resort has five championship golf courses, including The Ocean Course – host of the 1991 Ryder Cup, the 2007 Senior PGA and 2012 PGA championships. The resort also ranks as the number two tennis resort in the U.S. by *Tennis Magazine*, has nine restaurants, and features a renowned recreation and nature program. For more information, visit www.kiawahresort.com or call 800-654-2924.

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