

A palatial affair: Taste of the Palm Beaches is a culinary delight

The lights are hung and the table cloths are pressed for the fifth year anniversary of the Taste of the Palm Beaches to be held November 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at PGA Commons in Palm Beach Gardens. This event is one of the most exciting culinary experiences in Palm Beach County. The celebration welcomes aficionados to experience culinary delights along PGA Commons beautiful mile long streetscape center in support of the Big Heart Brigade.

Hosted by PGA Commons, this immaculate mile long, beautifully lit streetscape provides a perfect setting for the region's finest food and wine fundraising celebration. Fifty of Palm Beach County's most accomplished master chefs prepare glorious foods, complimented by seemingly endless

tastings of wine, champagne and spirits. Sip, savor and dance to the flavors with live music by the Mystics and many other great performers throughout the event. The entire evening includes raffles, fire truck and police displays, collectible cars and activities to guarantee an evening of excitement for all.

One-hundred percent of all the proceeds raised will go directly into bettering the community through the Big Heart Brigade charity organization. Established in 1992, staffed purely with volunteers, this group's goal is to support those in need within the community. Their most noteworthy program is preparing and giving Thanksgiving meals to those in need. The Big Heart Brigade's target is an epic one for this year; preparing at least 40,000

meals.

"As Thanksgiving is a time of community and sharing, we want to make sure everyone knows the community supports them and that no one goes without a meal," states Tom DeRita, co-founder of The Big Heart Brigade. The Big Heart Brigade is a 100 percent volunteer organization and has no paid administrators or board members. Every dollar that is raised goes directly back into the community, thereby maximizing the impact of every dollar.

Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door, children between 6 and 12 are \$20 and children under 6 are free. Advance tickets can be purchased online at www.pgacommons.com or call 561-575-2223, ext.0. ■



Rhea Slinger, left, Thomas DeRita, Jon Channing and Olimpia Zuccarelli



Rebecca Seelig, left, Jon Channing, Sharon Patterson, Thomas DeRita, Rhea Slinger and Carolyn Broadhead



Thomas DeRita, left, Olimpia Zuccarelli and Sharon Patterson



Jon Channing, left, Chef Mingo Caraballo of Zuccarelli's Restaurant and



Chef Mingo Caraballo of Zuccarelli's Restaurant in PGA Commons



Rhea Slinger, left, Chef Mingo Caraballo of Zuccarelli's Restaurant and Jon Channing