

SALISH LODGE AND FOOD LIFELINE RAISE MORE THAN \$73,000 AT SECOND ANNUAL FALLS COME TO LIFE EVENT
Benefit dinner and auction creates funds to provide 365,000 meals for Western Washington residents in need



Snoqualmie – March 28, 2008 – “The Falls Come to Life” culinary staff leaves the kitchen to witness a lively auction, raising more than \$73,000 to benefit Food Lifeline. (From Left to Right) Dan Kiley, Culinary Director of Salish Lodge & Spa Roy Breiman, Chef Jason Wilson of Crush, Pastry Chef of Salish Lodge & Spa Laurie Pfalzer, Gabe Skoda, Holly Smith of Café Juanita, Matt Costello of The Inn at Langley, Executive Chef of Salish Lodge & Spa Justin Sledge, Chef de Cuisine of the Attic Bistro at Salish Lodge & Spa Jackson Cavanaugh, Chef Johnathan Sundstrom of Lark and Chef Armandino Batali of Salumi (Photo credit: Vivian Hsu for Team Photogenic 2008).

Snoqualmie, Wash. (May 1, 2008) – Salish Lodge & Spa, a romantic mountain retreat 30 minutes east of Seattle, hosted the second annual “The Falls Come to Life” dinner and auction on Friday, March 28, 2008 to benefit Food Lifeline, a nonprofit agency dedicated to ending hunger in Western Washington. The gala event raised more than \$73,000 – enough to provide 365,000 meals for hungry individuals - based on Food Lifeline’s capacity to turn every donated \$1 into the equivalent of five meals.

“We are thrilled to announce that the second annual event raised nearly \$20,000 more than last year,” said Carl Meyer, general manager of Salish Lodge & Spa. “This year exceeded our goals and we can only hope that each continuing year will surpass the last by leaps and bounds, due to the tremendous support we receive from the participating chefs, our generous guests and many other key individuals.”

“Food Lifeline is overjoyed by the success of this event and humbled by all who have participated,” said Linda Nageotte, president and CEO of Food Lifeline. “While the evening was filled with outstanding cuisine, entertainment and fun, the best part of it all is that the money raised supports our community by feeding thousands of hungry people in our neighborhoods.”

Spearheaded by Salish Lodge Culinary Director **Roy Breiman**, the guest chef lineup includes **Holly Smith** of Café Juanita in Kirkland, Wash.; **Jason Wilson** of Crush in Seattle; **Johnathan Sundstrom** of Lark in Seattle; **Armandino Batali** of Salumi in Seattle and **Matt Costello** of The Inn at Langley in Langley, Wash. Each celebrity chef contributed a signature menu item to create a unique multi-course dining experience that included wine pairings from many of Washington State’s most celebrated and boutique wineries. Each chef also donated a signature experience to the live auction. Details below:

- A Sunday Afternoon at Salumi hosted by Chef Armandino Batali
- A Weekend Getaway to Whidbey Island featuring accommodations at The Inn at Langley featuring an acclaimed restaurant headed by Chef Matt Costello
- An Intimate Cooking Class for eight at Crush hosted by Chef Jason Wilson
- A Gourmet Picnic for six with Chef Johnathan Sundstrom of Lark
- A Weekend of Indulgence at Salish Lodge & Spa featuring a dining experience prepared by Chef Roy Breiman
- A Special Dinner for Eight in a private dining room at Café Juanita featuring a menu designed by Chef Holly Smith including Northern Italian wine pairings

About Salish Lodge & Spa

Consistently ranked among the best small resorts in the world, the AAA Four Diamond Salish Lodge & Spa overlooks the 268-foot Snoqualmie Falls. Each of its 89 guest rooms has a bedside wood-burning fireplace, two-person whirlpool tub, goose-down comforter, feather bed and balcony or window seat. The resort offers a variety of recreational activities, treatments at the award-winning Spa, Culinary Director Roy Breiman’s seasonal cuisine, an award-winning wine list and personalized service. The resort is located 30 minutes east of downtown Seattle, within 40 minutes from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and three hours from Vancouver, B.C. and Portland, Oregon. For more information or reservations, please call 1-800-2-SALISH or visit www.salishlodge.com.

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that has worked on more than 80 hospitality development projects in five western U.S. states and Canada. For more information on Columbia Hospitality, Inc., visit www.columbiahospitality.com.

About Food Lifeline

Food Lifeline is Washington's largest hunger relief organization, distributing food to 300 neighborhood food banks, shelters and hot meal programs in Western Washington. Each year, Food Lifeline feeds more than one-half million hungry people each year – 37 percent of whom are children. Food Lifeline is a member of America's Second Harvest, the Nation's Food Bank Network, the largest hunger relief organization in the United States. Only five percent of every financial donation is used for administrative costs and the return on investment is significant: for every \$1 donated Food Lifeline provides 5 meals to hungry people. Please visit www.foodlifeline.org.

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