



Dear Friend,

On **Friday, November 15**, we will host the **42nd Annual Chef's Table**, an annual event benefiting the **Illinois Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (IRAEF)**. The event hosts over 600 restaurant owners, suppliers, operators, elected officials and other industry leaders for an evening of incredible food, networking and entertainment.

Proceeds from this event allow the IRAEF to provide scholarships and valuable learning opportunities such as internships and career-connecting activities to Illinois' young adults pursuing careers in the foodservice industry. Through the efforts and generous contributions of restaurateurs, suppliers, and other organizations throughout the country, almost \$3 million has been awarded to date to students pursuing careers in Culinary Arts or Hospitality Management. Your support is an investment in the future leaders of foodservice industry.

We hope you will help us surpass that \$3 million mark by donating a **silent auction item** for this event. Historically, we have had the most success with packages that allow for a "unique experience" or exclusive items that can only be found at this special event! Sports memorabilia, one of a kind experiences, tickets to special events, and gift certificates are always popular items (please see the attached wish list). Donations can be sent to:

**Illinois Restaurant Association
Attn: Megan Krumwiede
33 West Monroe, Suite 250
Chicago, IL 60603**

We sincerely appreciate any contribution you can provide. If you have any questions, please call Megan Krumwiede at (312) 787-4000 ext. 150.

Sincerely,

Sam Toia
President & CEO
Illinois Restaurant Association
Chicago Gourmet

Kevin Vaughn
Chairman, 2019 Chef's Table
Owner of Vaughn Hospitality Group



42nd Annual Chef's Table **Silent Auction Donation Wish List**

We need your help securing items for the silent auction!

Outlined below are a few "Experience Package" ideas, as well as some individual items that we would like to receive for our auction. Gift card donations are always a winner too when packaged with other items.

Experience Packages:

- Sporting events (e.g., Baseball, football, hockey, soccer, golf, and other sports events.) Four tickets are very desirable, along with parking passes, tickets to special clubs, seating areas and behind-the-scene experiences.
- Trips, airline tickets or vouchers
- Dinner cooked by a chef at either their restaurant(s) or in a home
- Wine tastings, vineyard tours, bottles of rare, vintage or exclusive wines from around the world
- Tours & excursions
- Theater or concert tickets
- Golf and Spa Certificates
- Packages that cater to specific interests
 - Culinary Arts
 - Gardening
 - Grilling
 - Music/Arts
 - Children/Family Fun

Autographed Sports Memorabilia

- Footballs, helmets, baseballs, basketballs, hockey sticks
- Sports jerseys, artwork, photos
- Golf items

Hotel/Dinner Packages

- Two-night stays at hotels preferred
- Restaurant gift cards of at least \$100

Electronics

- Flat Screen TVs
- Gaming Systems
- iPad/Tablet

SILENT AUCTION

DONATION FORM

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PLEASE PRINT. Write donor name exactly as it should appear in Auction Book. Donation forms must be returned by October 11, 2019 for inclusion in the program book.

COMPANY:

ILLINOIS RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION MEMBER?

YES

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NO

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CONTACT PERSON:

ADDRESS/CITY: **ZIP:**

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