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**Generous Supporters Make 9th Annual Chefs' Night & More Event
Most Successful Ever for The Center for Enriched Living**

RIVERWOODS – June 1, 2009 – On Monday, April 20, 2009, The Center for Enriched Living held its 9th Annual Chefs' Night & More gourmet tasting event from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort.

The Center surpassed its fundraising goal by netting over \$340,000. Proceeds from the evening will benefit The Center for Enriched Living, a non-profit organization that serves people of all ages with developmental disabilities. One of the largest tasting events held in the area, Chefs' Night & More brings a bounty of culinary delights to diners who are interested in a one-stop, palate-pleasing adventure. This dining extravaganza featured special tasting menus from 34 restaurants and food and beverage purveyors.

"It's very exciting and we are very grateful that in these trying economic times, people still give to charities. The community still supports non-profits individually, at the business level and at the corporate level," says Harriet Levy, Executive Director. Levy says this event is unique for a number of reasons. "Everybody involved is willing to donate their time and considerable talents to benefit The Center. We also showcase our members and their abilities.

Key corporate sponsors included Barilla America, Inc., CDW, Fortune Brands, Zebra Technologies Corporation, Discover Financial Services and Lava Lite LLC.

The final list of participating restaurants includes:

Chicago:	Dirk's Fish and Gourmet Shop
Deerfield:	Stoney River Legendary Steaks
Evanston:	MJ Catering & Events Prairie Moon
Glenview:	Johnny's Kitchen and Tap RA Sushi
Highwood:	Bent Fork Bakery Bridie McKenna's Froggy's French Café The Grill
Highland Park:	Bluegrass City Park Grill Sunset Foods
Lake Forest:	Starbucks
Long Grove:	Enzo & Lucia's Ristorante Gridley's of Long Grove
Lincolnshire:	Wildfire Flatlander's Restaurant and Brewery
Mundelein:	Karma Asian Food and Fine Wine Park Street

Northbrook: Max and Benny's Restaurant
Old Willow Wine Shoppe
Pinstripes, Bowling, Bocce and Bistro

Northfield: Three Tarts Bakery & Café

Vernon Hills: Philly G's

Wheeling: Ram Restaurant & Brewery

Wilmette: LongBranch Products

The Center for Enriched Living is a nonprofit social center dedicated to helping children, teens and adults with developmental disabilities live more independent and fulfilling lives through education, recreation and social activities in a safe, fun and welcoming environment. Open seven days a week, there are no geographic boundaries for membership. The Center seeks new members, volunteers and donations. For further information call 847-948-7001 or visit our Web site at www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org.

PHOTO CAPTION:

CEL Staff, Members and Families were on hand to serve Pesto Pasta to the more than 600 guests at Chefs' Night & More on April 20th at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort. Proceeds benefit The Center for Enriched Living, a non-profit community center for youth and adults with developmental disabilities. www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org From left to right, Eric Hernandez and Will Swanson, CEL staff from Chicago, Jack Karasik, Lake Forest, Tony LaPorte, Park Ridge (seated), Aaron Trofholz , Kirk Trofholz of Barilla America and Mark Karasik, Lake Forest.

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