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### **Gourmet tasting event featuring Austin's hottest restaurants to benefit Communities In Schools**

**(AUSTIN, TEXAS)** Communities In Schools of Central Texas (CIS) will host the 22nd annual Food for Thought event at the ACL Live at the Moody Theater on Tuesday, September 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The program will include music by Hot Texas Swing Band and a live auction. Food for Thought, co-presented by Professional Janitorial Service and Samsung Austin Semiconductor, will bring together Austin's favorite local chefs for a night of great food and live music to support Central Texas children.

Communities In Schools works directly inside K-12 schools full time in partnership with teachers and administrators to address immediate student needs – like hunger, poor health, homelessness, and trauma. Whether it is clean clothes, help with school work, or emotional support and counseling, CIS connects students to the relationships and resources they need to succeed.

"Food for Thought is a unique Austin tradition that brings the community together in support of the children who need it most. We are grateful to have the most exceptional chefs in Central Texas participate in this special night," says Suki Steinhauser, CEO of Communities In Schools of Central Texas.

El Alma Café y Cantina, Barlata Tapas Bar, Boiler Nine Bar + Grill, Cannon + Belle, Central Standard, Emmer & Rye, Fixe Southern House, La Condesa, Le Politique, Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill, Olive & June, Sala & Betty, Siena Ristorante Toscana, Stories Fine Dining at Hyatt Lost Pines, Sway, The Driskill, TRACE, and Uchi will be serving up signature dishes.

Additional information about Food for Thought and ticket information can be found online at [ciscentraltexas.org/foodforthought](http://ciscentraltexas.org/foodforthought). Learn more about our programs online at [ciscentraltexas.org](http://ciscentraltexas.org) and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)

**Food for Thought at ACL LIVE AT THE MOODY THEATER, benefiting Communities In Schools of Central Texas  
Tuesday, September 26, 6-9 p.m.**

**Communities In Schools spokespersons are on standby for interviews about the Food for Thought event and Communities In Schools programming.** Contact: Debra Joiner, Director of Communications, 512-464-9783, [djoiner@ciscentraltexas.org](mailto:djoiner@ciscentraltexas.org)

#### **ABOUT COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS**

- At CIS, we help students with immediate needs like food and clothing, and more complex challenges that require counseling and mentoring. With CIS on campus, teachers can focus on teaching, and students can focus on learning.
- This year, CIS of Central Texas has full-time programming on 66 local elementary, middle, and high school campuses.
- The power of Communities In Schools:
  - Our staff works inside K-12 public schools daily.
  - We work in partnership with teachers and school administration.
  - Among the students who receive our most intensive supports:
    - 99% of students stay in school
    - 84% improve grades, attendance or behavior