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Food for Thought, Austin's premier tasting event, benefits Communities In Schools of Central Texas

(AUSTIN, TEXAS) Communities In Schools of Central Texas (CIS) will host the 23rd annual Food for Thought event, presented by Professional Janitorial Service, at the ACL Live at the Moody Theater on Thursday, September 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Austin's favorite local chefs will come together for a night of great food and live music to support Central Texas children. The program will include music by Hot Texas Swing Band and a live auction.

El Alma Café y Cantina, Barlata Tapas Bar, Boiler Nine Bar + Grill, Bufalina Due, Central Standard, Colleen's Kitchen, Eberly, Fixe, Henbit, Il Brutto, La Condesa, Le Politique, L'Oca d'Oro, Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill, Olive & June, Sala & Betty, Stories Fine Dining at Hyatt Lost Pines, Sway, TRACE, and Uchi will be serving up signature dishes.

"We are grateful to have the most exceptional chefs in Central Texas participating in Food for Thought this year," says Carmine Salvucci, Chief Development Officer. "We will have delicious food, live music, and our program will highlight the important work Communities In Schools is doing to support students, families, and schools in our community."

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.

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

Food for Thought, presented by Professional Janitorial Service, at ACL LIVE AT THE MOODY THEATER, benefiting Communities In Schools of Central Texas Thursday, September 20, 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

ABOUT COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

When students are hungry, experiencing homelessness, or are preoccupied with concerns for an unemployed parent or violence at home, they can't learn. That means they're disengaged in the classroom themselves, and can be a distraction to their classmates. CIS ensures that students are connected to resources to help meet basic needs like food, shelter, counseling, and clothing. The result is dramatically reduced discipline referrals and more engagement in learning, for them and their peers, letting teachers teach, and improving outcomes for all students.

The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Last year, we served over 50,000 individuals in 66 schools with services ranging from mental health counseling to crisis intervention, basic needs assistance, mentoring, and academic intervention. Nearly 6,000 students received intensive case management. Of the children we serve, 99% stay in school and 84% improve their grades, attendance, or behavior.