

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jessica Sund
Director of Development and Communications
Channel One Regional Food Bank
507.424.1729
jessicasund@channel-one.org



Channel One Regional Food Bank Presents Epicure: One Bite at a Time

Rochester, MN | February 7th 2023 – Channel One Regional Food Bank will host a new fundraising event, *Epicure: One Bite at a Time*, at the Channel One warehouse on April 29th 2023. This exciting new event is supported by honorary co-chairs Dr. John and Patricia Noseworthy and will welcome approximately 250 guests. Featuring at least 20 partnering restaurants providing epicurean bites, this event will give people a chance to socialize, dance and come together around something that connects us all: food.

Throughout the evening, attendees can enjoy tours of the facility, diverse foods and beverages, entertainment and a chance to procure exclusive food experiences at Michelin Star restaurants in New York. Guests will also hear a short presentation by Honorary Chairs Dr. John and Patricia Noseworthy and individuals in our community who have experienced food insecurity. Proceeds will support Channel One Regional Food Bank’s prepared meals program, Kitchen Coalition.

Epicure: One Bite at a Time will be the first fully in-person event that Channel One has hosted since 2018, prior to the pandemic. Jessica Sund, Director of Development and Communications at Channel One explained, “We have really missed connecting with our supporters in-person. Channel One is ready to invite supporters to see the work that we’ve been doing to address hunger over the last five years. Having our brand-new event, *Epicure: One Bite at a Time*, in Channel One’s 55,000-square-foot warehouse allows us to show attendees the scope of our work in the community and exactly how their support makes an impact.”

Dr. John and Patricia Noseworthy, Honorary Chairs of *Epicure: One Bite at a Time*, discussed why they feel so strongly about supporting Channel One through this new event. John Noseworthy stated, “As long-time supporters of Channel One, we are thrilled to be involved in *Epicure: One Bite at a Time*. Few things are more important to individuals and families than proper, healthy meals. With inflation and the current state of the economy that has a disparate effect on this community, we are aware of how dire the need for food and meal programs has become. Channel One has proven its innovation and inclusiveness in addressing food insecurity through programs and partnerships in the community and we are proud to be a part of its growth.”

Patricia Noseworthy added, “Food is something that brings people and cultures together. As the diversity of our community continues to grow, we know the importance of providing access to food that is dignified and respectful of those experiencing food insecurity. We are pleased to support Channel One’s programs that address this importance and continue to meet the changing needs of our community.”

Save the date for *Epicure: One Bite at a Time*. Saturday, April 29, 2023. Tickets will be available starting March 6th at www.helpingfeedpeople.org/Epicure

###

About Channel One Regional Food Bank

Channel One Regional Food Bank, a member of Feeding America, strengthens food access and builds healthy communities. Channel One operates food programs to serve local and area needs such as: a food bank, a food shelf, mobile pantries, Childhood Hunger Programs, Kitchen Coalition and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). Channel One Regional Food Bank mobilizes organizations, volunteers, and donors to serve the network of over 160 nonprofit programs that provide food for children, adults, and families in need. Channel One serves 14 counties across southeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. For more information, call 507.287.2350 or visit helpingfeedpeople.org.

About Kitchen Coalition

Kitchen Coalition serves up culturally connected, freshly prepared meals and a whole new way to fight hunger. Not everyone facing hunger has the home, health, or ability to use the groceries food banks offer. Kitchen Coalition has built a network of local restaurants and caterers who turn food bank ingredients into nutritious, freshly prepared meals. Then, trusted nonprofits get those meals to neighbors on a predictable schedule. Visit helpingfeedpeople.org/kitchen-coalition to learn more.