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## **Hungry Hearts – a savoury soiree for Our Place**

### ***Unique fundraiser brings top chefs together for a great cause***

**VICTORIA, B.C.** – Five top local chefs are rolling up their sleeves to see who can create the most interesting twist on one of Our Place’s regular meals: soup and a sandwich.

“The competition will be fierce,” says Don Evans, executive director of Our Place, an inner-city community centre serving Greater Victoria’s most vulnerable citizens. “And the winners will be everyone who gets to taste the gourmet creations.”

The savoury soups and sandwich bites are part of Hungry Hearts, a special fundraising event for Our Place taking place in The Atrium on Thursday, Feb. 27.

“Hungry Hearts is an opportunity for us to reach out to the philanthropic community in a fun and unique way, and let everyone know about the great work being done on a daily basis at Our Place,” says Laura Walsh, director of development.

The five competing chefs are: Peter Zambri of Zambri's, Kunal Ghose of Red Fish Blue Fish, Garrett Schack of Vista 18, Castro Boateng of Castro Boateng Fine Catering, and Patrick Lynch of Foo Asian Street Food. A sixth chef, Michael Williams of the Island Chef television program, will be providing a special dessert. The event’s presenting sponsor is PwC Canada.

Along with fabulous food, musical entertainment will be provided by a wonderful jazz trio from the Victoria Conservatory of Music, plus special guest Steph Macpherson, a local singer-songwriter who is garnering attention across North America.

Renowned local philanthropist Eric Charman will also conduct a live auction for some amazing prize packages, including: a deluxe Vancouver getaway with helicopter travel and hotel, and a chance to have Victoria firefighters cook and serve a gourmet meal in your home.

“As the majority of our financial support comes from individual donations, this event will help us meet our goal of being open all day, every day to better serve the needs of the most vulnerable in our community,” says Evans.

**Event:** Hungry Hearts: A savoury soiree for Our Place

**When:** Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

**Where:** The Atrium, 808 Yates Street, Victoria

**Tickets:** \$100

**Website:** [www.ourplacesociety.com](http://www.ourplacesociety.com)

Our Place is an inner-city community centre serving Greater Victoria's most vulnerable: working poor, impoverished elderly, mental and physically challenged, and the homeless. Individuals and businesses provide the majority of financial support for its programs and services. Our Place provides 45 transitional housing units, over 1,200 meals per day, hot showers, free clothing, counseling and outreach services. Most importantly, it provides a sense of hope and belonging to our neighbours in need.

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