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Chefs Staniford and Olenjack cook for a cause at SafeHaven

Who: Chef Blaine Staniford of Downtown Fort Worth's GRACE and Chef Brian Olenjack of Arlington's Olenjack's Grille.

What: "Chefs at the Shelter," an open-house event to showcase renovations at SafeHaven's Fort Worth shelter location. Specifically, the kitchen has undergone a massive makeover. Chefs Staniford and Olenjack will demonstrate their cooking skills in the new kitchen, which is restaurant-quality. Sample-sized portions will be served to attendees, which will include vendors and donors involved with the shelter renovation. The renovation took approximately three years and cost \$1 million.

When: Sept. 23, 11:30 a.m. Chefs arrive to begin prep at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Fort Worth Shelter. Call for address.

Why: To showcase newly remodeled kitchen and recognize donors and vendors who made it happen.

Other: See attached chef bios.

Special considerations: For safety purposes, we ask that news outlets not publish the address of the shelter. We also ask that camera operators do not take identifying shots of the outside of the building. Some clients may be present at the event and we ask that permission be obtained to speak with or film them.

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About SafeHaven of Tarrant County

SafeHaven of Tarrant County is a nonprofit organization that exists to end family violence through safety, support, prevention and social change. SafeHaven's two emergency shelters, one in Arlington and one in Fort Worth, accommodate a combined 174 women and children, making SHTC one of the largest shelters in Texas.

In 2008, SHTC sheltered over 2,700 adult and child victims and provided non-residential services through our Resource Centers to more than 3,700 other clients seeking emotional, legal and practical support to move from "victim" to "survivor". *Staff and volunteers answered 41,767 hotline calls in 2008, an 81% increase over 2007.* In addition to protecting victims and creating opportunities to achieve independence and self-sufficiency, SHTC also educates approximately 60,000 individuals annually. The majority of these are students who learn warning signs of relationship abuse

A leader in the domestic violence field, SHTC operates a full continuum of specialized programs, utilizes community volunteers and runs a successful resale store, Berry Good Buys.

For more information on how you can help, visit our website at www.safehaventc.org or call 817 535-6462.

For immediate assistance regarding domestic violence, please contact the 24 hour toll free crisis hotline at 1-877-701- SAFE (7233).