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**BALTIMORE FOODIES BRINGS ELITE CULINARY EVENT TO
BALTIMORE FOR THE FIRST TIME**

*A Tasteful Pursuit Event to Benefit the Share Our Strength Program
Comes to Charm City in July*

Baltimore, MD- Baltimore Foodies (www.baltfoodies.com), the premier food and wine dinner club in the area, announces its partnership with the Share Our Strength program in Washington, DC to bring “A Tasteful Pursuit” to Baltimore for the FIRST time. On July 17, beginning at 6 p.m., guests will have an opportunity dine at Charleston Restaurant and experience one of the finest culinary events to take place in Charm City. Award winning Chef Cindy Wolf, Co-owner of The Charleston Group and Tony Foreman, Co-owner and Wine Director of The Charleston Group will prepare an extravagant seven-course dinner matched with rare wines from the Charleston wine cellar. There is limited seating and tickets are \$500.00 per person (75%+ is tax-deductible). For additional information, please contact event chair, Lars Rusins at 443-621-0990 or log onto www.baltfoodies.com or www.strength.org/atastefulpursuit. Reservations will be taken by the Charleston, and can be placed by calling 410-332-7373.

“We are so thrilled to be able to bring this exquisite event to Baltimore for the first time and to work with a great host restaurant, Charleston, as well as other award winning chefs to raise funds to help with anti-hunger programs. There were only twelve cities chosen and Baltimore was one of them...it’s a great honor,” said Lars Rusins, Baltimore Foodies creator and Chairman of the “A Tasteful Pursuit” event in Baltimore. He added, “We are so thankful to Charleston for donating 100% of the food and wine which means that the entire ticket sales will go to the charity.”

Guest Chefs who will be there to mingle with guests and help prepare the evening’s menu include James Beard Best Chef/Southwest Winner, Bradford Thompson from Mary Elaine’s at the Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona and Zach Bell, Executive Chef of Café Boulud at the Brazilian Court Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida. The high caliber of chefs associated with the

event not only adds to its panache, but also help make it a more national event with national appeal.

“This event is important in so many ways. Not only does it support a very important cause, it also gives us an opportunity to showcase Baltimore’s cuisine. We have restaurants here that can compete with some of the best, and we need to continue to get that story out to travelers looking for a great culinary experience,” said Tom Noonan, President & CEO of the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association.

Other locations for “A Tasteful Pursuit” include Kansas City, Palm Beach, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Greenwich, Cleveland, Providence, Nashville, Las Vegas, Dallas, Detroit and Los Angeles. Each location will be conducting their own unique “twist” on the event but will be donating proceeds to the Share Our Strength program.

Share Our Strength is a national nonprofit that inspires and organizes individuals and businesses to share their strengths to help end hunger. They raise funds in innovative ways -- from holding volunteer-led special events across the country to developing cause-related marketing ventures and corporate partnerships. “A Tasteful Pursuit” dining series features four of the nation's hottest young chefs touring the country to raise funds for the fight against childhood hunger. They partner with the culinary elite in major cities across the country to create extravagant, seven-course dinners paired with exquisite wines.

Baltimore Foodies, founded by entrepreneur Lars Rusins, is a social group of men and women who simply enjoy good food, wine and meeting new people. Typically, the monthly gatherings consist of a small group of professionals from the area (about 20-30) who discover new restaurants, meet up-and-coming chefs and learn about wine and new spirits in the market. For more information, please go to www.baltfoodies.com

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