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10th anniversary Chocolate Affair Plus packed with local culinary talent

Dickinson ND - Professional and community chefs will serve chocolate-themed appetizers and desserts during the 10th Anniversary of the Chocolate Affair Plus from 7 – 10 p.m. on April 27.

Hosted by the Best Friends Mentoring Program (BFMP) at the Biesiot Activities Center, the anniversary features a locally-produced wine exclusive to the event, a photo booth, and commemorative tasting glasses. There also is a wine sampling, Brewmeisters and their home-brewed beers, live music by the Dakota Jazz and the chance to win a mocha and white diamond pendant and earring set valued at \$1,800 donated by Riddle’s Jewelry.

Among the guest chefs this year include: directing chef Joseph Gyno Babia and pastry chef Karla Joy Wyler of The Crossing; Erin Cronbaugh of The Cake Life, chef Collin Wehner of the BrickHouse Grille, Kirk Hepker of The Foodie Call, and Aaron Zummer, general manager of Sodexo at Dickinson State University.

Among the new participants are Anna Kreidt, a 14-year-old aspiring pastry chef and student at the Dickinson Middle School, Michelle Miller, general manager at Players Sports Bar & Grill and Lois Holland of Dickinson. Holland has served in and directed various food operations for more than 50 years in eight states across the country, including a Native American reservation in South Dakota.

Guests can vote for their favorites during the People’s Choice Chef Awards and take a chance at the Mystery Wine Pull, a game featuring more than 100 bottles of quality wine.

“Guests can sample unique and artfully prepared desserts and appetizers along with wines and beers while also winning great prizes,” said Kris Fehr, executive director of BFMP. “This is a one-of-a-kind event, which helps launches the spring season in an upscale atmosphere while benefitting local youth.”

Tickets are \$40 each and available at www.bestfriendsnd.org or in Dickinson at the BFMP office, 135 W. Villard; Town & Country Liquors, 1218 W. Villard; or West Dakota Veterinary Clinic, 93 21st St E. The ticket includes admission and automatic entry into the raffle drawing featuring the diamond jewelry ensemble and gift packages ranging from \$200 to \$500 in value. Tickets are \$50 at the door.

Based in Dickinson, BFMP provides mentoring services to youth ages 6-16 in southwest North Dakota, including western Morton and Bowman counties. For more information, contact BFMP at (701) 483-8615.

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