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St. Joseph to Host ‘A Taste of Mardi Gras’ to Benefit 2nd Base Foundation

January 31, 2010 - Saint Joseph Church today announced its plans for a fundraiser to benefit the 2nd Base Foundation. To be held at the Country Hills Golf Club in Hendersonville on February 13th, the event will have a Mardi Gras theme and feature traditional Cajun and Creole dishes as well as entertainment and a silent auction.

“We are very excited about this year’s fundraiser,” said Carl MacLeod, President of the Second Base Foundation. “Just saying the words ‘Mardi Gras’ brings a smile to people’s faces”, he added. “Everyone one enjoys good food and fun, and that’s what we are planning to deliver”, he concluded.

The menu calls for traditional Cajun and Creole Cuisine including Gumbo, and will be prepared with the assistance of former associate of renowned Emril’s Restaurant of New Orleans.

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The admission charge will include what promises to be a fabulous meal, as well as entertainment provided by a host of street-inspired performers such as a jester and pirate. Nashville artist, Andrew Bissell, will be providing caricatures for the guests. Bissell has worked with both national and local organizations and built quite a reputation not only for his drawings but the entertaining way in which he delivers them.

The traditional sounds of New Orleans will be provided by the Ellis Middle School Jazz Quartet. “The idea is to re-create the feel of Jackson Square during Mardi Gras” explained Sarena Pettit, who is chairing the event. “We even have some costumed characters to add to the atmosphere”, she added.

Thanks to the generosity of dozens of businesses and merchants from both this area as well as New Orleans, a host of unique items will be on offer through a silent auction.

Among those companies contributing gift items to the auction from New Orleans are the House of Blues, Tabasco, and French Market Coffee, while the New Orleans School of Cooking has donated (2) tickets to its popular Demonstration Lunch Class.

Area merchants have been equally generous and include Tennessee T-Cakes, Lowes, Publix, Starbucks, Red Robin Restaurant, and Coca-Cola Bottling.

The 2nd Base Foundation is one of several outreach programs supported by Saint Joseph’s Church. Net proceeds from this event will go to support the Foundation and its work for ‘at risk’ children including its camping facilities located near Waverly.

Additional information and tickets are available through the Saint Joseph Administrative Office by telephone at 615.824.2910 or via their website at saintjosephofarimathea.org.

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