



## **EVENT DETAILS**

The Autism Speaks 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Houston Chef Gala will be held on **Friday, June 11, 2021** at The Westin Houston Medical Center (1709 Dryden Rd, Houston, TX 77030).

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and a silent auction. Guests are invited into the ballroom to experience the prepared dishes by our Presenting Chefs at 7:30 PM. A short program followed by a live auction will complete the evening.

More than 200 guests are expected to attend, representing Houston's most affluent consumers, philanthropists, corporate sponsors, and business leaders.

To kick-off the Gala, please join us virtually on **Friday, February 5, 2021** for a reimagined exciting activity that our guests can experience from the comfort of their own home. The Gala in A Box experience will include a fabulous charcuterie plate, paired wine(s), exclusive offerings and information about our 2021 Autism Speaks Chef Gala Sponsors and participating Chef's and restaurants and so much more!

For more information on both of these events, please visit our website:

[autismspeaks.org/houstonchefgala](https://autismspeaks.org/houstonchefgala).

## **CHEF PARTICIPATION**

Join us for a night of food, fun, and philanthropy along with other renowned Houston chefs. Donated food services from local restaurants are the primary reason the Autism Speaks Chef Gala is a continued success.

To participate as a Presenting Chef on June 11<sup>th</sup>, please fill out the Commitment Form below. As a thank you to all of our restaurants, each presenting chef and their sous chef will receive a monogrammed Autism Speaks chef apron.

For Chefs and restaurants who have committed to join us on June 11<sup>th</sup> we are excited to offer the opportunity to include recipes, restaurant promotions, promotional items and more in each of our Gala in A Box kits for the February 5<sup>th</sup> virtual event. As a thank you for supporting our event, we want to support your culinary efforts!

We kindly ask that all confirmed Restaurants/Presenting Chefs include a donation to be incorporated into the silent auction (minimum \$100) or live auction (minimum \$2,500). We will have a small silent auction to accompany our Gala in A Box on February 5<sup>th</sup> and our main silent and live auctions will take place during the in-person event on June 11<sup>th</sup>.



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**Chef Gala**  
 HOUSTON  
**CHEF CONTRACT**



**Friday, June 11, 2021 at The Westin Houston Medical Center**

Please consider this a binding agreement between Autism Speaks Houston and:

**Restaurant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presenting Chef:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Restaurant Contact**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Restaurant Information**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Media:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Gala in A Box Item(s) (if applicable):** *Please note: For items to be included in the boxes, please send them to Autism Speaks by **Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**. I.e. Recipe cards, promotions, branded swag, etc.*

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Description of Food Service/Menu to be presented at Gala (service for 200+ people):  
Menus should be provided no later than **Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please list any **allergen ingredients** included in your menu; those ingredients will be displayed during service at each Chef Station during the Gala.

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Description of Auction Package (if applicable): Please note: Auction Packages are due on **Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**.

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Fair Market Value of Auction Package: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Night of Event Needs (if applicable):

Power: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

To elevate each chef’s presentation, we strongly encourage Presenting Chefs to bring the plating of their choice. The hotel will provide guests with dinner plates should you choose to serve directly onto the plate. If you have any questions or require any other accommodations, please contact Joey Moppert (see below for contact information) at least four (4) weeks in advance of the gala.

Additional Dinner Service Requirements (i.e. chafing dishes, plating, extension cords, etc.)

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Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_ 5PM \_\_\_\_\_ 5:30PM \_\_\_\_\_ 6PM

# of Vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ Personal \_\_\_\_\_ Catering Truck(s)

**Please note:** Loading dock location, map, and point of contact information to be provided at least two (2) weeks prior to Gala date.



**Chef Headshot (attached) & Bio (below)**

Please note: Chef headshots and bios are due by **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Headshots need to be high quality/resolution (min. 300 dpi) and will be used for night of journal and electronically (website). Use additional pages if needed.

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Thank you for your support of Autism Speaks' mission to enhance lives today and accelerate a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow. YOU are helping us to create a kinder, more inclusive world for those with autism and their families.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chef Gala Houston on Friday, June 11, 2021.

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***Chef/Restaurant Signature*** ***Date***

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***Autism Speaks Houston Signature*** ***Date***

For any questions or additional information needed, please do not hesitate to reach out to:

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