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Foodlink spring fundraiser set for Saturday

Tickets for 'The Get Together' sell out in inaugural year

ROCHESTER – Foodlink is throwing a party Saturday night for more than 300 of its closest friends.

For the first time in its 40-year history, Foodlink will host a spring fundraiser, called The Get Together, which will be a community celebration of food, growth and innovation. The event, sponsored by Constellation Brands, will be held on Foodlink's front lawn, where guests will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the Foodlink Community Kitchen, live entertainment by The Swooners – all while gaining a deeper understanding for Foodlink's impact on the community.

"We named this event, 'The Get Together,' to reflect how food unites us all and truly helps us build relationships and thrive as a community," said Julia Tedesco, President & CEO of Foodlink. "Guests can expect an elegant evening that is also warm and welcoming. We're excited to host this first-time event, and celebrate our mission with some of our closest supporters."

Foodlink also will treat guests to a strolling cocktail tour of its facility upon arrival, give recognition to dozens of community members and organizations that collectively help tell the Foodlink story, and honor two award winners. Baden Street Settlement, a Foodlink member agency, will be honored as the inaugural recipient of the Foodlink Community Impact Award, while Mort Kolko will receive the Thomas C. Ferraro Legacy Award.

The Get Together complements Foodlink's other annual fundraiser, The Festival of Food, which takes place each fall at the City of Rochester Public Market. For more information on The Get Together, visit www.FoodlinkNY.org.

Who: Foodlink and its supporters

What: The Get Together, Foodlink's inaugural spring fundraiser

Where: On the lawn at Foodlink, 1999 Mt. Read Blvd. Rochester, NY 14615

When: Saturday, May 18, 6-11 p.m.

Media Availability: President & CEO Julia Tedesco will be available for interviews during the early stages of the event, between 6-7 p.m.

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About Foodlink

Foodlink is a community food resource center and the Feeding America food bank serving Allegany, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties. For 40 years, we have leveraged the power of food to transform lives, end hunger and build healthier communities. Through good stewardship, innovation and collaboration, Foodlink mobilizes a diverse network of partners and stakeholders to eradicate both the symptoms and root causes of hunger.

Our suite of food access programs provides new access points to nutritious and affordable food in underserved communities. Our team of nutrition educators empowers people at risk of diet-related illness with the skills and knowledge to make healthy choices. Our food banking operations distribute millions of pounds of food to a network of hundreds of human service agencies throughout our service area. The Foodlink Community Kitchen prepares and delivers thousands of meals daily for Rochester children, supports our regional agricultural economy by slicing locally grown apples, and hosts a one-of-a-kind career empowerment program to train individuals with barriers to employment for careers in the regional food industry. Learn more about how we are creating healthy futures for every community we serve at www.foodlinkny.org, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram at @foodlinkny.

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