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Boys & Girls Haven Announces List of Professional Judges for 7th Annual Gravy Cup

Celebrated chefs and professional food experts volunteer their time to raise money for tweens and teens in foster care.

Louisville, KY – The Gravy Cup, the world’s largest biscuit gravy competition, is back again with an all-star list of locally and nationally renowned judges. This regional food competition and tasting event pits both professional and amateur chefs against each other for a chance to claim the top prize in three adjudicated categories: Traditional, Nontraditional, and Vegetarian. Chefs also have a shot at the coveted People’s Choice award for the best overall gravy as voted on by attendees at the tasting event.

The 2019 Gravy Cup volunteer judging panel includes:

- **Annie Pettry:** Executive Chef and owner at Decca, Louisville, KY. In addition to winning multiple local awards, Annie also appeared as a contestant on Bravo’s Top Chef, is a two-time “People’s Best New Chef” nominee, and was named one of Restaurant Hospitality’s “15 to Watch in 2015.”
- **Joshua Moore:** Executive Chef and partner at Volare Italian Ristorante, Louisville, KY. A nationally acclaimed chef, Joshua most recently won the top prize on the Food Network show, Chopped. This is Joshua’s second year as a Gravy Cup judge.
- **J.C. Phelps II:** Nationally renowned blogger (JCPEats.com), food writer, content creator, and social media marketing consultant based in Louisville, KY. His blog and social media platforms reach an audience of over 50,000 followers around the world.
- **Reed Johnson:** Executive Chef of Wiltshire at The Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY. Reed holds the record as the only chef to have one first place in all Gravy Cup categories. He joins Moore as a second-time Gravy Cup judge.
- **Keith Erwin Jones, Jr.:** Executive Chef at North End Café, Louisville, KY. In addition to an extensive career working as a premier chef in several highly rated Louisville restaurants, Keith also utilizes his musical background as Visual Coordinator for Ballard High School’s marching band.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 23rd from 10:30 am 2:00 pm at The Mellwood Art and Entertainment Center – tickets available at www.TheGravyCup.com. Proceeds from The Gravy Cup benefit tweens and teens in foster care at Boys & Girls Haven.

In November 2018, the nonprofit agency lost their Pre-Independent Living apartment building due to an accidental kitchen fire. Says CEO, Read Harris, “It has been a tough year for our agency. We appreciate all of the Gravy Cup volunteers, including our judging panel, for putting in the time to make this event a success. Every donated dollar helps ensure our 69-year-old organization can continue to provide care for these vulnerable young people.”

Boys & Girls Haven is a full-service foster care agency located in Louisville, KY. Since 1948, the 501c3 nonprofit has transformed the lives of thousands of abandoned, abused and neglected children by providing stability, education, and life skills that will lead to success in adulthood. We employ a multifaceted, therapeutic approach including residential and in-home foster care, transitional living programs, career and life skills training, preventative community-based counseling services, and a variety of other programs and services.

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