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UNITED WAY TO HOST “LA CUCINA ITALIANA”

United Way of Door County is proud to announce that, after the resounding success of last year’s “Royal Dish” event, they will be hosting their 2nd Annual Celebrity Chef luncheon. This year’s event “La Cucina Italiana con Cathy & Tony Mantuano” will feature the incredible husband and wife known internationally for his critically acclaimed cooking, and for her wine expertise.

Tony Mantuano has been seen on national TV networks such as: PBS, CNN, FOX and The Food Network. The New York Times, The Washington Post, and the Chicago Tribune have featured him over the years. As executive chef, Mantuano opened Spiaggia in Chicago to critical acclaim in 1984. Since then, they have owned and operated a number of other successful restaurants including MangiaTrattoria in his hometown of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and most recently, Terzo Piano in the Art Institute of Chicago.

Cathy Mantuano has been equally instrumental in the success of each of their restaurants, including work in the dining rooms of several restaurants in Italy, notably Dal Pescatore in Mantova and Da Romano on the Tuscan coast in Viareggio. Cathy Mantuano has gone on to write and manage restaurant wine lists; presenting classes on wine, and wine and food pairing nationwide. They have also co-authored two cookbooks, which will be available at the September Door County event.

A couple of his well-known recipes includes Warm Berry Soup with Mint Gelato, and Steak Tagliata with Arugala, although seafood options are plentiful in their cookbooks and on the menus of their restaurants. The menu for the Door County event has not been selected so that Mantuano can take advantage of local ingredients that are in-season.

The event will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009 in the Clubhouse at The Orchards Golf Course in Egg Harbor. Tickets are \$150.00 each and are available by calling the United Way at (920) 746-9645.

Chef Mantuano will also be preparing a multicourse gourmet dinner, the evening of September 19th, with specially selected wines for 10 couples at a private residence in Door County. Additional information can be found on the United Way website at www.unitedwaydc.com. All proceeds from both events benefit the United Way of Door County.