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CITY HARVEST RAISES OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS AT 17TH ANNUAL BID AGAINST HUNGER EVENT TO HELP FEED HUNGRY NEW YORKERS

*Renowned Culinary Experts Daniel Boulud, Eric Ripert, Marc Murphy, and More
Served Savory Bites at Annual Tasting Event*

New York, New York – October 19, 2011 – City Harvest held its 17th Annual Bid Against Hunger benefit on Tuesday, October 18th, at the Metropolitan Pavilion. This walk-around auction and restaurant tasting provided guests with the opportunity to see some of the city's top chefs in action. Guests also had the opportunity to bid on exclusive prizes in both the live and silent auctions, including exclusive dinners with top chefs, private parties, vacation packages, and cooking classes.

A few live auction highlights included a one-of-a-kind American Chopper built by the team at Orange County Choppers, which sold for \$20,000; an in-home clambake feast for 15 people prepared by superstar chef Marc Murphy, which sold at \$22,000; and an intimate wine class and party for 15 people with wine director Aldo Sohm and four-star chef Eric Ripert at world-renowned restaurant Le Bernardin, which sold for an astounding \$40,000.

This year's event featured some of the city's hottest restaurants, including Blue Hill, Craft, Landmarc, Le Bernardin, and Tribeca Grill. A few of the notable attendees and chefs included: Alyssa Campanella, Miss USA 2011; Elettra Rossellini Wiedemann, Daniel Boulud, Eric Ripert, Marc Murphy, Alexandra Guarnaschelli, Scott Conant, Ron Ben-Israel, and François Payard, among others.

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About City Harvest

Now serving New York City for more than 25 years, City Harvest (www.CityHarvest.org) is the world's first food rescue organization, dedicated to feeding the city's hungry men, women, and children. This year, City Harvest will collect 30 million pounds of excess food from all segments of the food industry, including restaurants, grocers, corporate cafeterias, manufacturers, and farms. This food is then delivered free of charge to nearly 600 community food programs throughout New York City using a fleet of trucks and bikes as well as volunteers on foot. Each week, City Harvest helps over 300,000 hungry New Yorkers find their next meal.