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### **Estes Valley Meals on Wheels Announces First Fundraiser**

*“Fine Dining with a Purpose” – August 25, 2017*

Crossroads Ministry of Estes Park, Good Samaritan Society Estes Park Village, and Morrison Community Living, will host a banquet Friday, August 25, to help with the purchase of equipment required for safe food preparation and storage as these three partner organizations work together to begin operating Estes Valley Meals on Wheels starting January 1, 2018.

An elegant five-course meal for up to 80 persons will be prepared and served by Chef Max Humbrecht of Morrison Community Living, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Good Samaritan,. The banquet will be preceded by a cheese and wine reception at 5 p.m. Cost for tickets is \$200 per person. The deadline for reservations is Monday, August 14, 5:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at Crossroads Ministry, 851 Dry Gulch Road, or at Good Samaritan Estes Park Village, 1901 Ptarmigan Trail.

“We hope persons with a heart to support Estes Valley Meals on Wheels will join us for what we like to describe as ‘Fine dining with a purpose,’” said Rev. Dr. Tim McLemore, Executive Director of Crossroads Ministry. “This amazing meal will help us secure the basic tools our partner organizations need to provide the best possible meals for the 25 to 40 local households that rely on Meals on Wheels every day.”

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward purchase of a blast chiller freezer and an Alto-Shaam cook and hold oven, with total cost projected to be between \$15,600 and \$26,600, depending on the amount of funds raised and the quality of the equipment that can be purchased.

The menu for this elegant experience includes: first course – smoked trout chowder with horseradish, thyme, celery, leeks, Yukon gold & sweet potatoes; second course – watermelon & arugula salad with cucumber, toasted pine nuts, feta cheese, & raspberry-rhubarb vinaigrette; third course – fresh tagliatelle pasta with oregano, parsley, lemon, roasted garlic, shaved parmesan, bell pepper coulis, & extra virgin olive oil; fourth course – grilled buffalo top sirloin with sautéed sweet corn, grilled scallions, crispy bacon lardons, braised shallots, oven roasted tomatoes, & burgundy-basil jus; final course – palisade peach tart with pickled cherries, mascarpone, tarragon, caramel, & lavender-pistachio brittle. “I love expressing my appreciation to supporters of Meals on Wheels by sharing my culinary experience in this way,” Chef Humbrecht said.

Event sponsorships also are available, for donations varying from as little as \$10 to \$5,000 or more. “We are excited that Estes Park Medical Center quickly stepped up as our first event sponsor, and we’re deeply appreciative of their commitment to this community,” said Beth Headley, who will serve as Manager of Estes Valley Meals on Wheels in 2018. OtterCares Foundation also has announced that they will be a supporter of this event. Additionally, Good Samaritan Society Estes Park Village and Morrison Community Living are covering almost all expenses for this fundraising banquet except wholesale food costs. There will be an opportunity for guests to make a gift or pledge at the banquet, as well.

For tickets, information about sponsorship opportunities, or other details, contact Dr. McLemore at Crossroads, 970.577.0610, [tim@crossroadsep.org](mailto:tim@crossroadsep.org), Carey Stevanus at Good Samaritan, 970.577.7700, ext. 111, or Julie Lee at Good Samaritan, 970.577.7700, ext. 101.