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Three Local Charities to Benefit from Winter Chili-Festival Proceeds

Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island and the **J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center** will receive **33% of the proceeds from advance ticket sales** purchased from them for the Inaugural **Winter Chili Festival** taking place at the Rhode Island Convention Center on Saturday, February 27, 2010. These charities will further benefit by selling raffle tickets for a Chinese Auction and “Chips for Charity” at the event. The chips are used by festival attendees to cast votes for their favorite chili in the “Charties Choice” competition.

Festival attendees are asked to bring gently used coats, gloves, scarves and hats to donate to **Big Sisters of Rhode Island** who will distribute them to the needy women and children they serve.



The Winter Chili Festival is an exciting **new family event**. The entire 5th floor of the convention center will become a **chili lover’s paradise** guaranteed to warm up all who attend on a cold mid-winter day.

Attendees will sample a delicious variety of chili recipes prepared by local and regional chefs. They will then vote for their favorite in the **People’s Choice Competition**, the RI State Restaurant Division. In addition, individual cooks, several of whom are world champions, compete for the Second Annual **Rhode Island State Championship** title in International Chili Society’s (ICS) Cook-Off.



Culinary demonstrations, a chili pepper eating contest, chili cook-offs, a Chinese Auction, a children’s play area, and a tailgate lounge with adult beverages and sports on large screen televisions, are sure to please people of all ages. The exhibit hall will feature displays with merchants exhibiting a variety of other related food items, home consumer products, useful cooking utensils, chili-themed apparel and much more. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Children under 12 are admitted free.

The mission of the J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center is to promote an enhanced quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities. They envision a diverse community where all people are valued, safe, and treated with dignity, respect, and equality. In this community, all people have access to resources to enable them to lead productive lives; have opportunities to learn, grow, and achieve; and have opportunities for self-expression. In this community, there is mutual responsibility between the community and the individual; all contribute to the common good and each individual’s potential is realized. Learn more or purchase Chili-



fest tickets at www.trudeaucenter.org.

Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island ensures the safety and well-being of children in Rhode Island through awareness, education and advocacy. Their child abuse and neglect prevention



strategy is designed to mobilize the entire Rhode Island community - human services, child care, medical, child protective services, law enforcement, legislative, parent/caretaker, media, and the business sector - to come together in partnership to develop and institutionalize a comprehensive approach for raising public awareness of this public health issue; to increase the capacity for prevention programming; and to advocate for a change in public policy for child abuse prevention. Learn more or purchase Chili-Fest tickets at www.preventchildabuse-ri.org.



Big Sisters of Rhode Island was established in 1966 as an all-volunteer mentoring organization dedicated to addressing the specific needs of girls at risk. Originally, Big Sisters offered one program, Traditional Mentoring, to match trained, adult female mentors with at-risk girls across the state. Today, they offer many programs to meet the diverse needs of the Little Sister population. Bring a donation for Big Sisters of RI to the Chili-Festival and receive a free raffle ticket! Gently Used Coats, Gloves, Scarves or Hats will be accepted.

Cabot Creamery has signed on as a Festival Food Sponsor. They will be distributing cheese samples, which



participants can use as chili toppers. Best known as makers of "The World's Best Cheddar," Cabot is owned by 1200 dairy farm families located throughout

New England and upstate New York. The Cabot Creamery Cooperative has been in continuous operation in Vermont since 1919.

"Cabot Creamery's participation as a sponsor of the Winter Chili Festival is very exciting. Their cheese samples will be a perfect way to 'top off' the variety of chili recipes presented."

– Mary Wall, Show Manager

For more information about the Winter Chili Festival email info@chili-festival.com, call 401-213-9766, or visit www.chili-festival.com.

Calendar Listing

Who: All ages. \$15 per adult, \$10 per student and senior, Children under 12 free

What: Winter Chili-Festival, the first ever in Providence

When: Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Rhode Island Convention Center, 1 Sabin Street, Providence, RI

Why: For fun, education and to benefit local charities

More: www.chili-festival.com, info@chili-festival.com, 401-213-9766

More Chili Info

www.chilicookoff.com – International Chili Society (ICS)

http://www.chilicookoff.com/History/history_of_chili.asp - history of chili

http://www.chilicookoff.com/FactsFun/FactsFun_Home.asp - chili facts and fun