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Summer's End Lobster Bake Benefits Food Bank and Culinary Education Scholarships

Sept. 29 event in Newport raises money for the Food Bank's culinary job training program and scholarships from the R.I. American Culinary Federation.

PROVIDENCE, RI – Aspiring chefs will be given a chance to reach for their dreams, thanks to a unique partnership between the Rhode Island Community Food Bank and the Rhode Island chapter of the American Culinary Federation (ACFRI). On Sunday, September 29, from 2 to 6 pm, the two organizations will team up to host a traditional New England Lobster Bake at the Hyatt on Goat Island, overlooking Newport Harbor.

Proceeds from this event will support the Food Bank's Community Kitchen culinary job training program and educational scholarships awarded by the ACFRI to promising culinary students.

For a ticket price of \$75, the menu includes: clam chowder, farm green salad, pasta primavera salad, vegetable slaw, native lobster, mussels and steamers, chorizo sausage, barbecued chicken, red bliss potatoes, corn on the cob, dessert, assorted sodas & water, beer & wine.

A \$10 children's menu for children ages 3-12 (kids under 3 eat for free) includes hamburgers & hotdogs, green salad, dessert, and juice, soda or water.

For tickets and information, visit www.rifoodbank.org/lobsterbake or call 401-942-6325.

The Food Bank's Community Kitchen program is a 14-week intensive culinary education program for low-income and unemployed adults. More than 90% of the graduates secure employment in the hospitality industry within a year of graduation. Students acquire valuable work and life skills, while preparing hundreds of meals daily for the Food Bank's Kids Cafe, which provides after-school meals to children.

The ACFRI is composed of chefs, cooks, culinary educators and entrepreneurs from the food and hospitality industry. ACFRI awards culinary scholarships to local colleges and career and technical centers that offer culinary education.

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank is a non-profit organization located in Providence, RI. The Food Bank solicits, stores and distributes food products donated by supermarkets, wholesalers, food processors, local farmers and community food drives. The food is then distributed to the Food Bank's statewide network of 238 sites operated by its 178 member agencies. In the past fiscal year, the Food Bank distributed 9.75 million pounds of food. For more information about the Food Bank, please visit www.rifoodbank.org.

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