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CENTER FOR HEARING AND COMMUNICATION, WITH WINE SPECTATOR, HONORS APPLE AT THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST – A SPECTACULAR FOOD & WINE TASTING NOV 5TH AT PIER SIXTY, CHELSEA PIERS FEATURING NYC’S TOP RESTAURANTS & BROADCASTERS

NEW YORK/November 2, 2018 – The 25th Annual Feast, a sumptuous food and wine tasting extravaganza benefiting the Center for Hearing and Communication (CHC), will take place at **Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers in New York City November 5th at 6:00 PM** and will celebrate CHC’s life-affirming services and the transformative power of technology in the lives of people with hearing loss. Proceeds from the event support the programs and services of CHC, a leading hearing health care center in New York providing comprehensive services to over 15,000 people annually.

With a theme of *Transforming Lives*, this year’s Feast will honor **Apple** with the **Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award** for its achievements in accessibility that have expanded the world of communication for people with hearing loss. Executive Director, Laurie Hanin, says, “Apple’s commitment to accessibility and inclusion is evident not only in the accessibility features you find in all their products, but also in their leadership role as an advocate for people with disabilities. By embracing a philosophy that technology should serve everyone, Apple has transformed the lives of millions with hearing loss and established a model of inclusion for other companies around the world.” **Sarah Herrlinger, Director of Global Accessibility and Policy Initiatives** at Apple, will accept the award.

Founded in 1910, CHC is a historic pillar of support, offering high-quality, comprehensive services to empower New Yorkers affected by hearing loss, deafness or listening challenges. The organization’s spectacular annual gala, The Feast, uniquely taps into a caring team of prominent NYC broadcasters and institutions passionately supportive of CHC’s services that transform the lives of individuals and families struggling with hearing loss and communication difficulties. Among them is Broadcast Chair **Bill Ritter of Channel 7 Eyewitness News and ABC News 20/20** who will be honored with the Edward Nitchie Award in Communications (named after CHC’s founder) for his longstanding commitment to CHC and shared vision of communication without limits for people with hearing loss.

The Feast, presented in cooperation with **Wine Spectator**, is a grand culinary gala where NYC’s top chefs offer up their specialties to approximately 500 guests. Twenty-six chefs are expected to participate this year including Chef Chair **William Gallagher of Becco Restaurant, Fortunato Nicotra of Felidia, John Greeley of The Loeb Central Park and Franck Deletrain of Brasserie 8½**. Fine wines will be available courtesy of **Chateau du Parc, Rutini Wines, Cono Sur** and other wineries of distinction. The walk-around layout gives guests the opportunity to interact with the chefs as well as the many television broadcasters who will be lending their support by acting as sous chefs. Broadcasters planning to attend this year’s Feast include the familiar faces of **Bill Ritter of Channel 7, Dana Tyler Livingston of Channel 2, Kaity Tong of PIX11, Sade Baderinwa of Channel 7, Lisa Evers of Fox 5 News, and Tamsen Fadal of PIX11** among many others helping to serve savory signature dishes alongside the line-up of distinguished chefs.

This year’s Feast will feature a seated dessert during which guests will savor an assortment of confections and sip Champagne while bidding in the live auction facilitated by **Nicholas Dawes, Vice President, Heritage Auctions and Antiques Roadshow regular** and the fund-a-cause that closes the event. Call (917) 305-7702 for tickets or visit www.FEASTNYC.GIVEMART.com.

Established in 1910, the Center for Hearing and Communication is an accredited nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization committed to providing high-quality, comprehensive services to empower people affected by hearing loss, deafness or listening challenges, regardless of age, ability to pay, and mode of communication. With offices in New York City and Florida, CHC meets consumers’ hearing and communication needs through the highest level of clinical expertise and technical know-how available in the hearing healthcare field. Learn more at www.CHChearing.org. Call (917) 305-7766 to make an appointment for clinical services or request information.

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