

Chocolate, Dessert & Wine Lover's Evening to benefit homeless shelter



The 8th annual Chocolate, Dessert & Wine Lover's Evening — a Stamford Valentine takes place Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Stamford Marriot Hotel & Spa. Tickets are on sale now, visit shelterforhomeless.org/chocolate

Tickets are on sale for the 8th annual Chocolate, Dessert & Wine Lover's Evening — a Stamford Valentine tradition where fine wine meets decadent desserts.

Guests will indulge in a selection of incredible dessert and chocolate flavor combinations ranging from traditional to exotic from more than 70 food, dessert and fine wine purveyors. Entertainment, music, door prizes and shopping round out this not-to-be-missed evening. The event benefits Pacific House, the area's only emergency men's shelter, and takes place on Thursday, Feb. 4, from 6-9 p.m., at the Stamford Marriot Hotel & Spa, located at 243 Tresser Blvd. For tickets, at \$45/individual or \$80/pair, visit www.shelterforhomeless.org/chocolate.

And with Valentine's Day only weeks away, attendees can get some great ideas and shop for their special someone. Representatives from chocolatiers, bakeries, restaurants, retailers and specialty food markets will be on hand and select vendors are offering incredible giveaways and specials. With your ticket to this extraordinary evening, you will have the chance to sample as well as purchase special temptations.

Food Network ReWrapped Champion, Tschudin Chocolates & Confections, known for their hand-made chocolate stiletto sculptures has participated in the event for the past four years. Owner Rob Tschudin believes that chocolate should take you places when you bite into a piece, whether it's sending you back to childhood or just getting a 'wow'. "It's a great cause and an event that is well received by the community," he said. "We enjoy sharing our all natural chocolate creations with new people—such as chocolate with aromatics that unfold at different rates — a kind of pinball for your taste buds," he added.

The evening celebrates the fact that Connecticut is becoming a chocolate destination. Our state is home to world-renowned chocolatiers and artisans. This event offers an unforgettable tasting trip throughout the state and beyond, all under one roof, and for a great cause.

"The Chocolate, Dessert & Wine Lover's Evening has become a beloved community tradition, and an important fundraiser for the shelter," said Andrew Barer, Director of Development. "This enjoyable evening offers a chance to raise a glass with friends, while tasting some delicious chocolate and desserts, but it also raises vital funds for Pacific House emergency shelter, which serves the communities of Fairfield County, especially Greenwich, Stamford, Darien and New Canaan."

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