

Texas School for the Deaf's
3rd Annual Diamond Event
~ An Exquisite Culinary Experience ~



Hosted by: Hilton Austin – Downtown
Presented by: the Texas School for the Deaf Foundation

What would it cost to give a group of young, deaf Culinary Arts students the opportunity to work with an award-winning chef? You guessed it---priceless! Though we have created priceless memories with our past two galas, this year your support is even more crucial. Please consider sponsoring this annual fundraising dinner event, presented by Texas School for the Deaf's (TSD) Culinary Arts students and the Downtown Hilton Austin. Funds raised at this event directly benefit TSD students and the critical outreach programs TSD provides to deaf and hard of hearing children, their families, professionals, and others, all across Texas.

Students from the TSD Culinary Arts career training program, under the guidance of professional chefs and staff at the Hilton Austin, present a premier dining experience that promises to excite palates as well as build bonds with the Deaf community and introduce you to the children of TSD. This culinary event includes select gourmet courses - paired with the perfect wines - along with silent and live auctions, and special live entertainment featuring TSD students.

A partnership with the Hilton Austin was formed in 2007 when TSD met award winning chef, Mark Dayanandan. Dayanandan had just been named the Hilton's Diamond Chef, the highest honor among Hilton chefs worldwide. Today, leading the Hilton's Food & Beverage division in downtown Austin, Dayanandan, along with the Hilton staff, remain loyal and dedicated supporters of TSD. This annual event is named in honor of Dayanandan's Diamond title.

Dayanandan and his entire staff volunteer their time to work with TSD students over the course of two days to prepare and present a captivating dining experience. For the third year now, select students who have proven themselves throughout the year – many motivated to consider further culinary training and careers in the field after graduation – have the privilege to fine-tune their skills working alongside Hilton's experts, onsite in the hotel's state-of-the-art, double-decked kitchen facility.

Please support the Texas School for the Deaf

Consider sponsorship opportunities listed on the back.

Or...

Sponsor event tickets for student's family members to attend.

Your support states a belief in the mission of TSD, and our commitment to help each child reach his or her potential, in an environment where students

learn, grow, and belong.

May 19, 2009
 6:00 p.m.
 Hilton Austin – Downtown
 500 East 4th Street



Celebrating with TSD Superintendent, Claire Bugen, after the 2008 event








Hilton
 Food & Beverage Director and
 2007 Diamond Chef,
 Mark Dayanandan



A standing ovation for the gracious Hilton staff



Chef Paul supervises preparation as salads travel by conveyer **COOL!**

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|  | Diamond | \$3,500.00 |
| | VIP seating for 10 Full Page Recognition in Program Book | |
|  | Emerald | \$2,000.00 |
| | Full Page Recognition in Program Book | |
|  | Ruby | \$1,000.00 |
| | Half Page Recognition in Program Book | |
|  | Sapphire | \$ 500.00 |
| | Quarter Page Recognition in Program Book | |
|  | Amethyst | \$ 250.00 |
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Loving every minute of it!