

EAT DRINK HTX! New Foodie Fundraiser Returns for Second Year

HOUSTON, TEXAS, December 1st, 2022 – The Cleverley Stone Foundation has announced that the sister event to Houston Restaurant Weeks will return for the second year. <u>Eat Drink HTX</u> will take place February 15th through February 28th, 2023, with a new charity partner on board this year. This foodie friendly event encourages restaurants from across the greater Houston area to participate, from areas north of the city including Lake Conroe, Magnolia and The Woodlands to Sugar Land and south to Clear Lake and Galveston.

The two-week-long Eat Drink HTX has been developed for the casual dining category, with a lower price point set for prix fixe brunch, lunch, and dinner menus, allowing more casual and fast-casual eateries the opportunity to participate in the fundraiser. This event was one of Stone's final wishes as she saw a need for a boost in sales in restaurants during historically slow periods for area restaurants; specifically, weeks in February, after Valentine's Day and early spring. Proceeds will benefit the **Houston Food Bank** and **CHILDREN AT RISK**, with funds going towards improving the quality of life for Texas' children.

"CHILDREN AT RISK is honored to be partnering with Eat Drink HTX in 2023 and is grateful to be a recipient of the proceeds from this initiative," said Dr. Bob Sanborn, President and CEO. "Every dollar donated to CHILDREN AT RISK helps drive evidence-based change by speaking out on behalf of children to help ensure every child can reach their full potential."

"My mother and I have been impressed with the work of CHILDREN AT RISK," said Kate Stone, President of the Cleverley Stone Foundation. "They focus on the many issues facing children, parents, and caretakers. From family education, K-12 grade education, parenting and health and nutrition, raising funds for them through Eat Drink HTX is a wonderful way for my mother's legacy to continue and for more area residents to fund their mission and educate Houstonians of their cause."

MEAL PRICES	RESTAURANT DONATION PER MEAL SOLD
Dinner \$25	\$3
Dinner \$20	\$2
Lunch \$15	\$1
Brunch \$15	\$1

Similar to HRW, participating restaurants will make donations based on their sales.

"We are glad to see Eat Drink HTX return this year and grateful to again be one of the beneficiaries, along with CHILDREN AT RISK, said Brian Greene, President & CEO of the Houston Food Bank. "The proceeds from this event will help to provide food for better lives to thousands of our neighbors right here in the Houston area."

Early participants include Phat Eatery, Craft Pita, City Cellars HTX, Harold's Tap Room, Low Tide Kitchen and Bar, Silom Station, Rim Tanon, NoPo Café, Market & Bar, BB Lemon, Texas Biergarten, The Chef's Table, Craft Burger, Pecking Order, Carol Kay's, Roost, Kin Dee Thai Cuisine, Xin Chao, Treehouse Café, Hunger Crush Café, all Thai

Cottage locations, all 7Spice Cajun Seafood locations, and more. Restaurant registration officially opens today at www.EatDrinkHTX.com and menus go live February 1st, 2023. Restaurants interested in participating in Eat Drink HTX, please email Katie Stone, <u>katie@cleverley.com</u>.

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ABOUT EAT DRINK HTX

Eat Drink HTX is the realization of a passion project in the works of the late Cleverley Stone and is produced by The Cleverley Stone Foundation for the benefit of the Houston Food Bank and CHILDREN AT RISK. Inspired by Houston Restaurant Weeks, Stone's vision was to bring awareness to the casual dining restaurants in Houston during a traditionally slow time of the year for them by giving them the opportunity to showcase their culinary talents, while helping them connect with and support their community. The event runs February 15th – 28th, 2023.

ABOUT THE FOUNDER & THE CLEVERLEY STONE FOUNDATION

Houston Restaurant Weeks (HRW) was established in 2003 by 26-year restaurant correspondent and philanthropist <u>Cleverley</u> <u>Stone</u>, former host of "<u>The Cleverley Show</u>," a talk show about food, wine and dining on CBS Sports Radio 650/KIKK-AM and former food segment contributor to <u>Fox 26/KRIV Morning News</u> in Houston. To date, HRW has raised over \$17.6 million to fight hunger in Houston, providing over 52.8 million meals for those who are food insecure. The Cleverley Stone Foundation now exists to continue her mission and legacy by supporting Houstonians in need by producing Houston Restaurant Weeks, benefiting the Houston Food Bank, and the second annual, Eat Drink HTX, benefiting the Houston Food Bank and Children at Risk.



ABOUT HOUSTON FOOD BANK

Serving Houston and southeast Texas since 1982, Houston Food Bank's mission is to provide food for better lives. We provide access to more than 150 million nutritious meals in 18 counties through our 1,600 community partners of food pantries, soup kitchens, social service providers and schools. Filling gaps on plates, we have a strong focus on healthy foods and fresh produce. In collaboration with our community, we advocate for policy change and racial equity, and promote dialogue on ways to increase access to food and to improve the lives of those in our communities, including services and connections to programs that address the root causes of hunger and are aimed at helping families achieve long-term stability: nutrition education, health management, and help with securing state-funded assistance. We are a resource for individuals and families in times of hardship. Houston Food Bank works alongside our partner food banks in Montgomery County, Galveston County, Brazos Valley, and Trinity River area. Houston Food Bank is a certified member of Feeding America, the nation's food bank network, with a four-star rating from Charity Navigator for the 12th consecutive year.

ABOUT CHILDREN AT RISK

CHILDREN AT RISK's mission is to serve as a catalyst for change to improve the quality of life for children through strategic research, public policy analysis, education, collaboration, and advocacy. CHILDREN AT RISK has been leading the way in improving the quality of life for Texas' children since its beginning in 1989. CHILDREN AT RISK considers the whole child by tracking issues in children's health, safety, education, and economic security to improve equity and justice for all Texas families. Committed to action beyond the data, CHILDREN AT RISK drives evidence-based change by speaking out on behalf of children. For more information, visit childrenatrisk.org, Facebook and Twitter.

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