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 **Open Hand fires up fun with annual Party in the Kitchen fundraiser, September 26**

*Mingle with Atlanta’s celebrated chefs while enjoying live music, cocktails and more*

**ATLANTA** **(July 9, 2019)** – Chef Chairs Kevin Rathbun and Gerry Klaskala, along with Co-Chairs Nan Street and Carmen Titelman, invite Atlantans to mix and mingle with local chefs and fellow foodies during the 16th annual **Party in the Kitchen** benefit at The Stave Room at American Spirit Works in support of **Open Hand Atlanta**. On **Thursday**, **September 26** at **7 p.m**., guests will enjoy delicious fare from more than 20 of Atlanta’s finest restaurants, including Aria, Rathbun’s, Local Three Kitchen & Bar, The General Muir and Table & Main, as well as hand-crafted cocktails provided by top mixologists.

Open Hand Atlanta hosts the culinary-focused event annually to raise much-needed funds to support its programs which provide access to home-delivered, health-promoting meals as well as nutrition education to Atlantans living with or disabled by chronic disease, homebound seniors and at-risk youth and families. As guests enjoy food prepared by some of Atlanta’s finest chefs, the event will also include a live auction with opportunities to win incredible one-of-a-kind experiences, such as exclusive in-home dinners prepared by renowned chefs Kevin Rathbun and Gerry Klaskala, as well as a silent auction which will feature an array of luxury items including travel packages, entertainment opportunities and fine dining experiences.

Open Hand will also host a **Patron Party** at the **Spanx Rooftop Terrace** a few weeks prior to the main event which will provide another opportunity to showcase some of Atlanta’s most divine bites as well as a sneak peek of the live and silent auctions. The Patron Party event will take place on **Friday, September 13** at **7 p.m.**

Tickets for the main event begin at $250 and include access to unlimited food tastings and an open bar. Patron Party tickets are $1500 and include two tickets to the Patron Party as well as two tickets to the main event. For information on sponsorship packages or to purchase tickets, visit [PartyintheKitchen.org](http://partyinthekitchen.org/).

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**About Open Hand**

Open Hand Atlanta’s mission is simple: We Cook. We Deliver. We Teach. We Care. As one of the largest community-based nutrition agencies in the country, Open Hand works to help people prevent or better manage chronic disease and improve their quality of life through tailored nutrition interventions. These include a wide variety of health-promoting meal plans as well as nutrition counseling and coaching. With the help of 10,000+ annual volunteers, Open Hand now prepares, packages and delivers 5,000+ meals per day in 19 metro-Atlanta counties. To learn more about Open Hand Atlanta programs, call 404-872-8089 or visit [openhandatlanta.org](http://www.openhandatlanta.org). Open Hand is located at 181 Armour Drive, Atlanta, GA 30324.