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The Food Bank for Westchester has its biggest fundraiser each October with food, music and a silent auction.

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Each October, Westchester chef Alison Awerbuch brings 25 of her colleagues from around the county together to raise funds for the [Food Bank for Westchester](#). As a long standing member of the Chef's Committee, Awerbuch has guided the culinary choices for some 600 guests at "An Evening in Good Taste," the Food Bank's largest fundraiser of the year.

She says the fundraiser brings its residents together through helping members of their own community while showcasing some of the finest restaurants in the County. "We have to pick things that are near and dear to our heart that are doing real good. There are so many examples of people who have had life-changing incidents...It feels really good to do something local."

The fundraiser is much more than a food experience. Awerbuch says she and her team from Abigail Kirsch Catering Relationships work to create new twists each year. This year will feature incredible edibles from local artisanal vendors. The food stations, set up around several bars and live music, will create a flow that keeps everyone moving throughout the event. A silent auction gives patrons another opportunity to support the Food Bank.

Awerbuch's support of the Food Bank is long standing and takes many forms, from past service on the Board of Directors to overseeing the menu of the Food Bank for Westchester's Valentine's Day Gourmet Dinner and Wine Tasting. She is a Culinary Institute of America (CIA) graduate with a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Michigan. "I realized food and hospitality were my passions...I still love the career path I chose."

Awerbuch is a partner and chef at Abigail Kirsch Catering Relationships which has five venues in Westchester. Each location provides a different atmosphere

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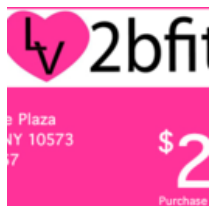
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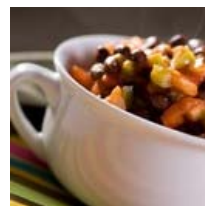
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