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Food Bank for Westchester to Host 15th Annual Take Heart Against Hunger

The Food Bank for Westchester (FBW), which has been fighting hunger for more than 20 years, will host Take Heart Against Hunger, its Annual Valentine's Day Wine Tasting Dinner. The event will take place Friday, February 11, 2011, from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm at the Tappan Hill Mansion, 81 Highland Avenue, Tarrytown.

Event chair is Goldens Bridge resident Charles Day, a member of FBW's Board of Directors.

All proceeds generated at the event will benefit FBW, the supply and support center for nearly 200 hunger relief member agencies, including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. In Westchester County, 200,000 residents, about 20% of the total population, are hungry or at risk of hunger. Half of them are seniors, and approxi-

mately one-third are children under the age of 18 years.

"For every dollar donated to the Food Bank, we can purchase \$4 worth of nutritious food to feed children and families who are hungry," said Christina Rohatynskyj, executive director for the Food Bank for Westchester. "This annual event is imperative to helping fight hunger in our county."

Take Heart Against Hunger will feature a delect-



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table five-course meal created especially for the event by Alison Awerbuch, partner, Abigail Kirsch Catering Relationships. Wines paired with each course are generously donated by Pernod Ricard, USA.

The evening will also include a raffle and live auction of special, "unobtainable" items and experiences.

For reservations, tickets and/or sponsorship information, contact Katy Coppinger at (914) 923-1100 or katy.

coppinger@foodbankforwestchester.org. Tickets cost \$250. Sponsorships are available.

The Food Bank for Westchester, one of eight food banks in New York State, acquires, warehouses and distributes more than five million pounds of food annually to 200 Westchester County hunger-relief organizations, including food pantries, soup kitchens, and day care centers among others. Its mission is to lead, engage and educate Westchester County in creating a hunger-free environment. Its core activity is the solicitation, acquisition and distribution of donated, government and purchased food.

The Food Bank for Westchester is located at 358 Saw Mill River Road, Millwood. For more information, visit www.foodbankforwestchester.org.