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The Center for Enriched Living's Annual Fundraising Gala Brings Home the Bacon

Strong Corporate Commitment and Community Support Continues for the 14th Year

Riverwoods, Illinois, April 17, 2014 – Now in its 14th year, The Center for Enriched Living's (CEL) Annual Fundraising Gala, Chefs' Night and More, has strong support from the community with many corporate sponsors, including CDW, the event's title sponsor since the event's inception. Additional corporate sponsors include Andrews Kurth, LLP, Fortune Brands Home Security and Insights in Marketing with dozens of individuals and other companies also participating.

This popular event, taking place Monday, April 28, draws more than 600 attendees for an exceptional dining extravaganza. Guests feast on tasting menus from more than 30 of Chicagoland's finest restaurants, including RA Sushi Bar and Grill, Wildfire, Sullivan's Steakhouse and many more. One of the popular tasting stations is a menu prepared by members of CEL's Wednesday night cooking program, featuring a recipe taught to them by Chef Yuri, from Barilla which also donates the food and is one of the sponsors of the event.

"Everyone really pulls together to support our mission of providing people with intellectual and developmental disabilities opportunities to continue learning, have a social life, and be a vital part of the community," said Harriet Levy, Executive Director. "The need is growing and this event allows us to bring in more than 20% of our annual operating budget – which directly impacts the more than 500 members who enter our doors each year."

"CDW has a strong history with CEL and I'm honored to continue that tradition," added Byron Holden, CEL President and Senior Director of Procurement at CDW. "One of CDW's long-standing corporate objectives is being a good corporate citizen and investing in our communities is one of the many ways CDW demonstrates our commitment to improve the communities where we live and work."

About the Center for Enriched Living

The Center for Enriched Living exists to enhance and enrich the lives of people with developmental and intellectual disabilities – from youth through adulthood. CEL provides a space for our members to grow and learn new social, educational and independent living skills as well as have equal opportunities to fulfill their dreams and become vital participants within their communities. More information available at www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org

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