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Charitable Partners Chosen for Chili Cook-off

MANCHESTER, NH - - Today Mayor Ted Gatsas announced the official Charitable Partners for the 2010 World's Championship Chili Cook-off (WCCC) they are as follows: Families in Transition (FIT), Greater Manchester Family YMCA, New Horizon's for New Hampshire and the Queen City Rotary. The event is scheduled for October 1st – 3rd at Veteran's Park in downtown Manchester.

"I am very excited to announce this partnership with these prominent community organizations. They will play a large role in the success of the Chili Cook-off and most importantly the money these organizations raise from the Chili Cook-off will go back to the Manchester community," began Mayor Gatsas. Each of the charitable organizations will be tapped to promote the event, sell tickets and provide volunteers to help staff the event.

"We are thrilled and honored to have been chosen by the City as one of the event beneficiaries. This will help us to continue our mission at New Horizons - to provide food and shelter to those less fortunate within our community," stated Mike Tessier, executive director at New Horizons.

Hal Jordan, Executive Director of the Greater Manchester Family YMCA added, "The staff and trustees are very excited to be a partner on this event. What a great way to showcase our community on a national level. The YMCA will be earmarking our proceeds to support our Dropout Prevention Programs, YOU, STAY and TAP, that serve at-risk youth in Manchester."

"Families in Transition is delighted to partner with the City on the 2010 World's Championship Chili Cook-off," said Michele Talwani, Director of Economic Development and Marketing. "Our board of directors, staff, and volunteers will help to make the weekend-long event, fun and exciting as well as raise awareness of Families in Transition and our work to end homelessness."

The Queen City Rotary has been chosen as the beverage partner, "The members of the Queen City Rotary are honored to be given this opportunity to participate. All of the proceeds raised from the Chili Cook-off will be used to give back to multiple charitable organizations, large and small, serving the Manchester community," added Craig Donais, President of the Queen City Rotary.

"As we continue planning for this event we are excited to bring the charitable partners on board to ensure our success in hopes of making this an annual event," concluded Mayor Gatsas.

For more information about the International Chili Society and the World's Championship Chili Cook-off please visit www.yourmanchesternh.com/chili.