



Bettie Brand Mothers' Empowerment Fund Third Annual "Circle of Friends" Gathering Event Program

March 26th 5:30 PM -8:00 PM

Canoe Restaurant

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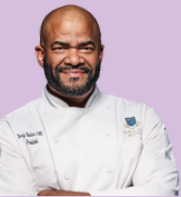
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2026 THIRD ANNUAL VIRTUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT - "A TASTE OF LOVE - DISHES TO HONOR A MOTHER'S TRADITION"

TUNE IN TO A CULINARY MASTER CLASS BY CHEF DARYL SHULAR MAY 7th, 2026 6:00PM-7:00 PM



Chef Daryl Shular
Certified Master Chef
Daryl Shular Culinary
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Two-Time Spirit
Award Recipient 2022
and 2015 Awardee &
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Dieynabou Diallo
Two-Time Spirit Award
Recipient 2026 and 2024
June Kaspers Awardee



Gabrielle Hodges
2026 Awardee



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- Sign In, Pick Up Name Tag, "Drop Your Card for a Chance to Win" from Canoe Restaurant: \$75 Gift Certificate for Lunch or Dinner and Schedule Time with Kelly Warlow, Special Events Manager to secure a 2026 date at Canoe for a Birthday, Anniversary, Wedding, Corporate Meeting or Event.
- An Evening of Strategic Connections, Curated Wines, and Culinary Delights.

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Jim Duggan

Owner & Lead Sculptor

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2026 VIRTUAL EVENT

“A Taste of Love - Dishes To Honor A Mother’s Tradition”

A Culinary Master Class with Chef Daryl Shular, Certified Master Chef May 7th 6PM - 7PM

When you purchase a ticket or make a donation of \$200 or more, you are automatically entered to win one of our **FANTASTIC** prizes below.



Kaylee Hatfield, Executive Operating Partner, Joey D's Oak Room

Luke L'Heureux, Chief Operating Officer, CentraArchy Restaurants

A \$200 Gift Certificate good at any of their Restaurants!

**CENTRAARCHY
RESTAURANTS**



Ryan Morris, General Manager, St. Cecilia, Buckhead Atlanta

A Gift Certificate for a 4-course dinner with wine pairings, \$500 value!



Ginny Drazba, Owner, MassageLuXe - Midtown Atlanta

A 90 Minute Massage + 1 Enhancement and a 60 Minute Facial + 1 Enhancement, a \$334 value!



Jim Duggan, Owner/Lead Sculptor, ICE Sculpture INC

Lonna Cave, Senior Sales/Project Manager, ICE Sculpture INC

A medium size 2ft x 2ft, custom engraved ice sculpture, including delivery and setup in the Metro Atlanta area, a \$500 value!

A huge thank you to all our wonderful guests and the entire team at Canoe! BBMEF is deeply grateful to everyone who makes Canoe a part of their story, from the kitchen crew to the guests who enjoy the river view. Your support makes every day special!



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