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DALLAS SERVICE FORUM CELEBRATES 45 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH “A ROYAL AFFAIR”  
LUNCHEON FEATURING ROYAL CHEF DARREN MCGRADY, FORMER PERSONAL CHEF TO THE  
BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY

Dallas Service Forum will hold a luncheon and fundraiser on Tuesday, March 28 at Northwood Club. This year’s event chair, past DSF President Kristin Parrino, has arranged for celebrity chef Darren McGrady, former personal chef to the British royal family, as guest speaker with a menu prepared by Northwood Club.

For fifteen years Chef McGrady was the former chef to Queen Elizabeth II for eleven years and Princess Diana, William, and Harry for four years. He has cooked for Presidents Ford, Reagan, Bush, Clinton, and Bush. His duties included traveling with the royal family to Windsor, Sandringham House, and Balmoral Castle, and on the royal yacht Britannia. He has been interviewed on national tv numerous times. McGrady, owner of Eating Royally Catering in Dallas, author, culinary consultant, and public speaker will share his remarkable remembrances of service to the British royal family.

WFAA Dallas news anchor Kara Sewell will emcee the luncheon. Sewell is featured on WFAA’s Daybreak morning news and has a passion for connecting with people and telling stories that matter. She spends personal time volunteering with organizations that benefit the community.

“With his culinary experience and success, Royal Chef McGrady is a natural choice as guest speaker for our fundraiser,” said Parrino. “In addition to the financial support, grants, and service hours provided to our agency partners, DSF cooking teams plan, shop and lovingly prepare and serve hundreds of weekly meals for our agencies. Over our forty-five years of service, members have provided hundreds of thousands of meals to those in need. In addition, Chef McGrady, with his heart for service, has devoted himself to working for charities that support shelters for battered women, children with chronic illnesses and breast cancer, donating his advance and royalties from his first cookbook to Princess Diana’s charity.”

Agencies served by Dallas Service Forum include Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center, Hope’s Door New Beginning Center, Juliette Fowler Communities, The Ebby House, Network of Community Ministries, The Family Place and Ronald McDonald House of Dallas.

The event, beginning at 10:30 AM, will include a reception, raffle, silent auction, and seated luncheon. Up for bidding will be shopping sprees, fashion finds, restaurant gift cards, entertainment packages and luxury resort trips, including a week’s stay in a private home in the heart of Santa Fe, and a week’s stay with luxury amenities at a Scottsdale resort community.

Included in the raffle is a chef prepared dinner and evening with Royal Chef Darren McGrady for up to eight guests. Also included is a \$1000.00 NorthPark Center gift certificate and a \$1500.00 American Express gift card. Raffle ticket purchases and auction bidding will be both online and in person at the event.

“We are thrilled to present “A Royal Affair” as we celebrate 45 years of service to our non-profit agency partners,” said DSF President Marla Nunally. “We invite the community to join us on March 28 as Royal Chef Darren McGrady brings his fun personality and generous spirit to our event and shares anecdotes about service to the British royal family. Most importantly, this event allows us to raise funds to support the DSF mission of providing service and financial support to children, families, and the elderly throughout the Dallas area.”

Tickets for the luncheon are \$150.00 and sponsorships are available beginning at \$500.00. To purchase luncheon and raffle tickets and for sponsorship information, please go to [www.dallaserviceforum.org](http://www.dallaserviceforum.org). All proceeds from the event benefit the agencies served by Dallas Service Forum.

**Background:**

DSF is a 100 percent non-profit volunteer organization. The Dallas chapter was formed in 1977 to create greater interest in civic, education and philanthropic endeavors in the greater Dallas community through volunteer work focused on children, families, and the elderly. Since it began over 45 years ago, Dallas Service Forum has donated hundreds of thousands of volunteer service hours to the charitable agencies it supports and has donated more than \$1Million in direct grants and non-grants to worthy non-profit organizations throughout the greater Dallas area.

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