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Twin Cities Restaurants Host **Fork The Fire!**

Three Special Events on March 14th To Help Heidi's and Blackbird Restaurants Recover

There's nothing like the power of food to bring everyone together. That's why over 55 restaurants will rise up in force to help Heidi's and Blackbird - two Twin City restaurants that lost everything recently during a tragic fire in south Minneapolis.

Choose one of three delicious ways to be part of this awesome outpouring of support. Pick your spot, book your table and join chefs and staff across the city for Fork The Fire!

1. In the largest display of solidarity ever on one day, restaurants across the twin cities will use a full plate of creative ways to raise money for the cause on Sunday, March 14th. Enjoy brunch, lunch or dinner at your favorite place with your favorite chefs and help Heidi's and Blackbird through this devastating time. See a complete list of all the fabulous places to sip and savor for a wonderful cause at **Fork The Fire on Facebook**.

2. Bring a group to Mission American Kitchen where chefs from 12 of your favorite restaurants including D'Amico Kitchen, La Belle Vie, Vincent's, Edina Grill, The Dakota, Cave Vin, Pierre's Bistro and more will serve you their specialties from 2:00-8:00. Come early and get a chance to chat with Heidi's Chef/Owner Stuart Woodman. Your $30.00 door price goes to the relief fund. Cash bar and complimentary parking at the IDS.
   Call (612) 339-1000 for information.

3. Owners Linda and Todd Haug of Café 28 and Surly Beer will host talented Blackbird's chef-owner Chris Stevens who will be cooking at this deliciously fun $25.00 event.
   Call (612) 926-2800 for information.

"I just get emotional thinking that could be my restaurant," said Vincent of Vincent, a Restaurant.

"We have to come together as a community to help out our own," added Alex Roberts of Restaurant Alma and Brasa,

Jim Grell of The Modern Café emailed his support with these comments, "Patty and I really understand the hardship that comes from an event such as a fire. We had a fire in 1995, those were tough times".

Fork The Fire with Family and Friends March 14, 2010

List of Participating Restaurants Follows:

Vincent, a Restaurant
Restaurant Alma
Brasa
Meritage
Hell's Kitchen
Turtle Bread Co
Café Twenty Eight
Cave Vin
Dakota Jazz
Café Ena
El Meson
Grand Café
Mission American Kitchen
Café Maude
SpoonRiver
Saffron
Rainbow
Lucia's
The Citizen Café
Victor's 1959 Cafe
Manny's Steak House
Chino Latrino
Il Gatto
Burger Jones
Muffuletta
Salut Bar American
Good Earth
Pittsburgh Blue
Victory 44
Sen Yai Sen Lek
D'Amico
Al Vento
Rinata
2021
Modern Café
Fire Lake Grill House
Herkimer Pub and Brewery
Prima
Heartland
Pierre's Bistro
First Course
The Living Room Bar
Prohibition
Craftsman
Bar La Grassa
112 Eatery
Sea Change
La Belle Vie
Birchwood Café
Mancini's
Strip Club
7 the Steakhouse & Sushi Ultralounge
Coffee & Tea Limited
Broders' Pasta Bar
Broders' Cucina Italiana