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**CHEFS FOR HUMANITY FURTHER SUPPORTS KATRINA RECOVERY EFFORTS**

*Ongoing support in the Gulf Coast Area Remains a Top Priority for Organization*

Chicago, IL, February 20, 2006 - To support the Mississippi Hurricane Recovery Fund, Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour chaired a special fundraising event on March 15, 2006 at the University Club in Jackson, MS. Food Network Iron Chef and Chefs for Humanity Founder Cat Cora proudly emceed the event that raised over \$100,000. "Chefs for Humanity is committed to providing ongoing support to rebuilding Gulf Coast. Many of these people still don't have homes and are trying to live their lives despite the tragedy they endured," Cat explained.

In addition to an esteemed list of guests, notable individuals including best selling author of the Sweet Potato Queens® series of books, Jill Conner Browne, award-winning screenwriter Randall Wallace (Braveheart, Pearl Harbor, etc.), and football great Archie Manning were also in attendance. Guests will enjoy an elegant culinary tasting and wine pairing event featuring Mississippi's top chefs.

**About Chefs for Humanity**

Chefs for Humanity is a grassroots coalition of chefs and culinary professionals working together to raise funds and provide resources for important humanitarian relief efforts. We as an organization have instilled faith in thousands and are committed to providing the same support to countless others throughout the world. To learn more or to get involved, visit [www.chefsforhumanity.org](http://www.chefsforhumanity.org)

**About Governor's Recovery Fund**

Formerly The Mississippi Hurricane Recovery Fund, The Governor's Recovery Fund was set up by Governor Haley Barbour to serve as the state's central fund for corporations, organizations, and individuals to donate to the hundreds of thousands of Mississippians who are recovering and preparing to rebuild from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. For more information, visit [www.mississippirecovery.com](http://www.mississippirecovery.com)

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