

Grand Chefs Gala benefits Cystic Fibrosis Foundation



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Grand Chefs Gala

(Hillary Higgins, Chicago Tribune)

Gene and Georgetti is given the Chicago Classic Award

The 18th annual Grand Chefs Gala honored the city's culinary elite with Jean Banchet Awards for Culinary Excellence at a benefit for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at the Fairmont Chicago on Jan. 30. More than 900 guests attended the event that recognized the city's top chefs, sommeliers, mixologists and restaurants with awards in multiple categories.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the inaugural Chicago Classic Award to Gene & Georgetti restaurant. Dominic DiFrisco (senior VP, Edelman US) presented the award, describing the 74-year old River North establishment as "a place where you can get prime meats, Old World service and a warm nook to escape the harsh realities of a stressed out society." Michelle Durpetti accepted the award, dedicating it to her grandfather and restaurant founder Gene Michelotti and "to the 70,000 people worldwide who suffer from CF with the hope that very soon these initials will stand for 'cure found.'"