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## **TRATTORIA DA LUIGI ANNOUNCES “DINE OUT FOR HUNGER” TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HUNGRY KIDS**

*Royal Oak Restaurant Owner and Staff Celebrate Two Years in Business by  
Donating to Gleaners’ “Hunger Free Summer” Campaign*

(June 30, 2015 – Royal Oak, MI) ... On **Monday, August 3, 2015** from **4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, Royal Oak restaurateur Luigi Cutraro and executive chef Steve Siekierzynski will open **Trattoria da Luigi** for **Dine Out for Hunger**, an event to raise funds for the 2015 **Hunger Free Summer (HFS)** campaign. A program of **Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan** (Gleaners), Hunger Free Summer raises 2 million meals to feed children who lose access to free and subsidized school meals over summer break. Funds raised at Dine Out for Hunger will be matched dollar-for-dollar by **Citizens Bank** and other generous donors who underwrite the campaign.

Cutraro said all profits from the evening’s receipts will be donated to Hunger Free Summer. In addition, the staff has agreed to donate all tips to the campaign. With all donations being matched, every dollar will provide SIX meals to kids this summer. One dollar normally provides three meals. Fox 2 anchor Jason Carr will serve as host for the evening, and other celebrities are expected to participate.

“I wanted to use Trattoria da Luigi’s 2-year anniversary to give back to the community that has supported me and my business, said Cutraro. “No child should go hungry. I’m thrilled to be able to share what I love – fine food and a wonderful dining experience – to bring nourishment to children who too often go without.”

Gleaners and Citizens Bank launched Hunger Free Summer in 2010 to address the increase in hunger and food insecurity among children during the summer. More than half of Michigan children rely on free and reduced-fee meals during the school year. When school is out, families struggle to make up these meals.

Gerry Brisson, president of Gleaners, expressed gratitude for the support. “When we started this effort five years ago, few people were aware of the spike in hunger among children during summer vacation,” said Brisson. “Events like Dine Out for Hunger have a huge impact, not only helping to provide meals for kids, but also keeping the public’s attention on this urgent issue. I’m so grateful to Luigi and his staff for helping us keep kids happy, not hungry, this summer.”

### **Dine Out for Hunger Details**

When: Monday, August 3 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Where: Trattoria da Luigi, 415 S. Washington Ave., Royal Oak  
What: Chef Steve Siekierzynski will present a special a la carte menu for diners to enjoy  
How: Dine-in only; no carry out. Reservations recommended. Call 248-542-4444.  
More: For more information, visit [www.trattoriapizzeriadaluigi.com](http://www.trattoriapizzeriadaluigi.com)

### **Hunger Free Summer – Matched donations can be made:**

- Online: [www.HungerFreeSummer.org](http://www.HungerFreeSummer.org)
- Telephone: 855-315-FOOD (3663)
- Checks by mail: Gleaners, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit, MI 48207 (Please note “Hunger Free Summer” on memo line.)

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