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LIBERTY HOUSE RESTAURANT TO HOST INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Jersey City, NJ – Test your taste buds on Thursday, April 4th at an International Food Festival at Liberty House Restaurant in Jersey City. Hosted by the New Jersey Restaurant & Hospitality Association (NJRHA), the fundraiser also celebrates diversity in the food industry. Cost is \$50 per person, which includes unlimited food, wine, and beer. NJ restaurants and ProStart students will cook on site and serve cuisine's from China, Peru and Israel to name a few.

The event is a fundraiser for the New Jersey Restaurant Educational Foundation's ProStart Program (non-profit) a vocational culinary curriculum geared at high school-aged students primarily from economically challenged areas of the Garden State. ProStart teaches teamwork, time management skills and leadership, and provides these students with immediate qualifications for a job in the hospitality industry. Many participants also receive culinary scholarships to four-year universities.

"Most of our events are tailored to our members, but this is a special one that's so fun it needs to be open it to the public," said Marilou Halvorsen, president of the NJRHA. "It also provides people an opportunity to support a great cause while tasting some delectable dishes cooked on site by several fabulous NJ restaurants and talented ProStart students," she added.

For more information on the International Food Festival call Shah Perry at 609-599-3316 or email sperry@njrha.org. Tickets can be purchased at www.njrha.org