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More than 60 Vancouver Island restaurants host second annual ***Dining Out For Life*** for AIDS Vancouver Island, sponsored by Stella Artois

Victoria – From upscale to café cool, from Victoria to Tofino, patrons at some of the Island’s favorite restaurants will enjoy great food and help raise money for AIDS Vancouver Island (AVI) on Thursday, March 29.

“If you only dine out once in March, make it Thursday March 29th,” said Miki Hansen, Executive Director of AIDS Vancouver Island.

Hansen and a team of volunteers have garnered support from more than 60 restaurants across Vancouver Island to participate in the island’s second annual *Dining Out For Life*, an international fundraiser for HIV/AIDS. On March 29th, participating restaurants will donate 25% of their food sales to AIDS Vancouver Island. As well, Stella Artois, the event’s proud title sponsor, will donate \$1 from every sale of their beer in *Dining Out For Life* participating restaurants on March 29.

The funds will support HIV/AIDS prevention and care programs at AVI, which provides volunteers, staff and services to communities across Vancouver Island. “There is still no cure for HIV/AIDS,” said Hansen. The risk factors, she says, remain the same, but the populations at risk of infection are changing. “HIV is increasingly infecting young women, youth, and Aboriginal people,” she said.

AVI and its island-wide team encourage islanders to join in the fight against AIDS by “Dining Out For Life” on March 29.

For more information about participating restaurants in your region, visit www.DiningOutForLife.com or call AIDS Vancouver Island at 1-800-665-2437.

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For more information, contact Andrea Langlois, AIDS Vancouver Island at 250-386-0020.

Participating Vancouver Island Restaurants include:



VICTORIA: Adriana's Cocina Mexicana • Baan Thai Restaurant • Baja Grill • Bill Mattick's Restaurant • The Black Olive • Brasserie "L'ecole" • Caffe Fantastico • Camille's • Christie's Pub • Copper Rock Grill at The Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort & Spa • Darcys Pub • Delicado's Oak Bay • Ferris' Grill • Ferris' Oyster Bar • Fire & Water Fish and Chop House • Gatsby Mansion Restaurant • The Heron Rock Bistro • La Hacienda • Luciano's Italian Restaurant & Lounge • LURE Seafood Restaurant & Bar • Mo:Lé Restaurant • Nautical Nellies Restaurant & Oyster Bar • Pescatores • Queen Mother Waterside Cafe • The Reef Restaurant • Restaurant Matisse • SANUK asian + fusion • Seahorses Cafe • Sen Zushi Japanese Restaurant • Smuggler's Cove Pub & Liquor Store • Sticky Wicket Pub & Restaurant • The Superior • Swans Brewpub • Swiftsure Lounge • Swiftsure Restaurant • The Tapa Bar • Temple Restaurant & Lounge • Vista 18 at the Chateau Victoria • Wild Saffron Bistro

BRENTWOOD BAY: Brentwood SeaGrille

CAMPBELL RIVER: Iron Kettle Bar & Grill • Royal Coachman Inn

COURTENAY/COMOX: Atlas Cafe • Cloves Bistro • Kingfisher Oceanside Resort & Spa • Martine's Bistro • TITA'S Mexican Restaurant • Tomato Tomato • Toscanos Trattoria • Union Street Grill & Grotto

DUNCAN: Bistro One Sixty One • Craig Street Brew Pub • Just Jake's

NANAIMO: Blue Ginger Restaurant • Tina's Diner • Wesley Street Cafe

PARKSVILLE/ QUALICUM: Lefty's Fresh Food Restaurant • Lefty's Too

SOOKE: Sooke Harbour House Hotel & Restaurant

TOFINO: Caffe Vincente • Shelter Restaurant

*These generous restaurants will donate 25% of your food bill to AIDS Vancouver Island. Reservations recommended. Please say you're "**Dining Out For Life!**"*