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Crave RI to Kick-Off the 20th CVS Health Charity Classic Event Series

Experience the best of Southern New England's culinary scene June 21-22 at the Dunkin' Donuts Center

WOONSOCKET, RI (March 15, 2018) – The CVS Health Charity Classic Event Series, entering its 20th year, will kick-off with the second annual Crave RI food festival on Thursday, June 21 and Friday, June 22 at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in the heart of Downtown Providence.

The two-day food festival shines a spotlight on the unique and enticing culinary scene that Rhode Island has become known for. Crave RI will host more than 100 local restaurants, over 150 beer and wine profiles and live demonstrations from notable local chefs, including Jennifer Behm-Lazzarini, co-owner of Red Fin Crudo + Kitchen. The event brings together local businesses, members of the community and families from across the state to enjoy great food and drink in Downtown Providence.

"A visit to Providence is a must for those who want to enjoy some of the best cuisine and entertainment in the state," said Mayor Jorge O. Elorza. "We are excited to host the Crave RI food festival that will allow families to experience all that our acclaimed local restaurants and chefs have to offer. I invite folks from across New England to come dine and support charitable organizations that do invaluable community work."

Notable participants returning to Crave RI this year include Matunuck Oyster Bar, Evelyn's Drive-In, The Salted Slate, Red Fin Crudo + Kitchen, Narragansett Beer, Sam Adams, Newport Storm and Newport Vineyards. New participants to Crave RI this year include Tallulah's Taqueria, Bayberry Beer Hall and Waffle.

"The mission of the CVS Health Charity Classic has always been to support local charities across our home state," said Eileen Howard Boone, Tournament Chairwoman, CVS Health Charity Classic. "Crave RI, which was so well received by foodies and families alike, gives us another opportunity to accomplish that mission while celebrating the thriving food culture of Rhode Island."

"The CVS Health Charity Classic has always done so much good for the community," said Jennifer Behm-Lazzarini, winner of Master Chef, Season 2. "To see the event series grow and have CVS Health take an interest in the Rhode Island food culture is so meaningful to our industry. Crave RI is a great vehicle to spread the message and mission of the Charity Classic. It was a no-brainer to return as a participant for year two."

Daily tickets to Crave RI are on sale **now** and can be purchased at the Dunkin' Donuts Center box office for \$23.00 each. Tickets can also be purchased through Ticketmaster online at ticketmaster.com/charityclassic or over the phone at 1-800-745-3000. Please note additional fees will apply for tickets purchased through Ticketmaster. For additional information on tickets, fans can also call 401-770-8013 or visit cvshealthcharityclassic.com.

The mission of the CVS Health Charity Classic is to give back to the community and provide assistance to charitable organizations that focus on helping the community year-round all while working to reduce the impact of the event series on the environment. All proceeds from Crave RI and the Charity Classic event series will support those charitable organizations across Southern New England. The Charity Classic will be employing efforts to further the commitment to sustainability and a zero waste goal.

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About CVS Health Charity Classic

The CVS Health Charity Classic is one of Rhode Island's largest charitable event series, including a golf tournament featuring some of the world's top professional golfers and a two-day food festival highlighting local restaurants, breweries, and vineyards. Since its inception in 1999, the Charity Classic has donated more than \$21 million for Southern New England nonprofit organizations that provide vital funding to a range of programs serving children and families. For additional information on the CVS Health Charity Classic, please visit www.cvshealthcharityclassic.com. Follow the Charity Classic on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for updates on the event as they happen.