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

Experience the best of Southern New England culinary scene June 20 – 21 at the Dunkin' Donuts Center

WOONSOCKET, RI (March 12, 2019) – The CVS Health Charity Classic Event Series, now in its 21st year, will kick-off with the Crave RI food festival on Thursday, June 20 and Friday, June 21 at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in the heart of Downtown Providence.

The two-day food festival spotlights the unique and tantalizing culinary scene that Rhode Island is known for. Now in its third year, Crave RI will host more than 100 local restaurants, over 150 beverage profiles and live demonstrations from notable local chefs. The event draws in local businesses, members of the community and families from across the state to enjoy great food and drink in Downtown Providence.

"At the heart of the CVS Health Charity Classic is our mission to support the local community," said Eileen Howard Boone, Tournament Chairwoman, CVS Health Charity Classic. "Through Crave RI, we have a unique opportunity to accomplish this mission while bringing together members of the community and celebrating the flourishing food culture of Rhode Island with the community."

Notable participants returning to Crave RI this year include The Aviary, Red Fin Crudo + Kitchen, Matunuck Oyster Bar, Narragansett Beer, Newport Vineyards and Sons of Liberty Spirits.

"The CVS Health Charity Classic and Crave RI have done an outstanding job at giving back to local nonprofit organizations and engaging the public to extend further support. The two-day food festival has become one of my favorite events of the year," said Andy Teixeira, executive chef at Newport Vineyards. "I cannot think of a better way to give back and value being a part of these efforts."

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](https://www.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](https://www.cvshealthcharityclassic.com).

The mission of the CVS Health Charity Classic is to give back to the community and provide assistance to charitable organizations serving children and families. All proceeds from Crave RI and the Charity Classic event series will support those charitable organizations across Southern New England. The Charity Classic is also committed to mitigating its impact on the environment and will embed key sustainability initiatives across all events.

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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 \$22 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.