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Dan's Legacy 3rd Annual Chefs' Charity Dinner Gala October 27 Funds Raised Help Youth Survivors of Trauma and Abuse

NEW WESTMINSTER, BC – *Iron Chef* and *Hell's Kitchen* have nothing on the upcoming [3rd Annual Chefs' Charity Dinner](#) at the Vancouver Club on October 27th, a fundraiser for the Dan Snook Trust Foundation (*Dan's Legacy*). Chef Sean Cousins, along with four other top chefs in Vancouver, will create a menu of culinary masterpieces guaranteed to delight the senses. Funds raised at the gala go towards providing therapeutic counselling and life-skills programs for youth survivors of childhood trauma and abuse.

The Foundation will also introduce guests to a soft-launch of its plans to build a 10-bed Rural Recovery Centre on an organic farm in the Lower Mainland.

Hosted by Fred Lee, the gala showcases a five-course meal specially created by Vancouver Club Head Chef Sean Cousins, working in collaboration with Lee Cooper, Head Chef of L'Abattoir, the Bauhaus Restaurant's Chef Stefan Hartmann, Chef David Gunawan of Farmer's Apprentice and Vancouver Club Junior Sous Chef/Pastry, Jessica Caparas. Music, and live and silent auctions round out the evening's entertainment.

"This year we mark the 10th anniversary of our Foundation, and the gala is also an opportunity for us to thank our supporters, as well as raise funds to continue our work," says Barbara Coates, Executive Director at Dan's Legacy. "As we've seen with the recent drug-related health crisis in BC, our programs are needed now more than ever before."

The Dan Snook Trust Foundation (*Dan's Legacy*) was founded in memory of a promising and vibrant young man who fell victim to a sexual predator. As is common with victims of abuse, he turned to drugs to suppress the psychological pain of the experience. Stints in rehab only provided a partial solution. What was needed was counselling support to uncover the root of his addiction. Tragically, Dan relapsed and died from an overdose. He was nineteen years old.

"The Foundation has been my family's way of keeping Dan's memory alive," says Kevin Snook, Dan's father and Chair of the Board. "Dan was such a gentle soul with a free spirit and lovely heart, who always brought happiness to those around him. Whilst it has been a personal journey of pain and sadness to have lost my son, it gives me great joy and satisfaction knowing how many youth we are helping today through our work."

Individual tickets are \$250, with VIP packages also available. Please visit www.danslegacy.com, or call 604-329-9186 for more information.



About Dan's Legacy

Dan's Legacy is dedicated to working with youth in the Greater Vancouver area battling depression, anxiety and addiction issues as a result of trauma and abuse. Founded in 2006 in memory of Dan Snook, a promising young man lost to a drug overdose at the age of 19, the charity has helped more than 100 youth triumph over their past to lead productive and fulfilling lives.

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