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Capital Chefs' Showcase Season Starts Early

Baton Rouge, LA – February 26, 2010—Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge is **Planning for the Future**, the theme of its 28th Annual Capital Chefs' Showcase, which will kick-off the fall social season on Sept. 9. Before this impressive fundraising event takes place, a team of dedicated, hard-working volunteers begin early in the year planning, securing sponsorships and collecting silent auction items – all to ensure the event is the successful gala the Baton Rouge community has come to expect.

Committee members recently met on February 17. They will continue to meet on a monthly basis until the event, as well as host a Chefs' Party to honor the area's top chefs and caterers participating in the Capital Chefs' Showcase.

“They are on a roll with their fabulous ideas,” said **Development Director, Connie Caldwell**. “Along with our amazing volunteers who help year after year, we also have several new committee members who are enthusiastically working to make this years' showcase the best in its 28 year history! Also, **LSU Baseball Coach Paul Mainieri and his wife Karen** are again serving as our Honorary Chair couple. We are so excited to have the coach of the 2009 College World Series Champions as our ‘Champion’ for the event.”

The event will take place at 7 pm on Thurs., Sept. 9 at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge. In addition to the food and silent auction, a **Lee Michaels** Champagne and Diamonds Raffle will take place. This year's prize is a \$4,000 shopping spree! There are only 300 raffle tickets available at \$50 a ticket. Tickets to the Showcase are \$100 each.

For more information on becoming a volunteer, sponsor, or purchasing tickets, contacts Connie Caldwell at Cancer Services at 225.927.2273 or visit www.cancerservices.org

PICTURE ATTACHED: Capital Chefs' Showcase Committee Members include Terri Zimmer, Katie Arnold, Katie Goodson, Amanda Bullock, Kim Gilly, and Mary Doerner.

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Since 1959, Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge has provided free of charge programs, services, assistance and support to meet the changing medical, financial, educational and emotional needs of cancer patients and their families within a 10-parish area. Parishes served include: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, St. James, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana. For more information, visit the Cancer Services website at www.cancerservices.org.

Our mission is to improve life for those living with cancer.

