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## **A Golden Celebration for a Great Cause**

### **Cancer Services' Capital Chefs' Showcase Features Second Line, Birthday, Special Guests**

*Baton Rouge, LA – Sept. 18, 2009*—Cancer Services celebrated their Golden Anniversary with a Second Line led by Honorary Chair Couple LSU Baseball Coach Paul Mainieri and his wife Karen and Mayor Kip Holden. Whitney Vann served as our Mistress of Ceremonies welcoming over 1,000 guests to the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Capital Chefs' Showcase on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. The event, which raised more than \$200,000, helps provide free programs and services including children and adult support groups, wigs, resource information, financial assistance and more to those living with, through and beyond cancer in our community.

The event featured delicious food from our area's top chefs and caterers, music from Nite Train, a Lee Michaels Champagne and Diamonds Extravaganza raffle and an exquisite silent auction, all in the name of helping the more than 5,000 people in our community who receive assistance from Cancer Services each year.

This event was made possible through contributions from Presenting Sponsor Amedisys, Executive Chef Sponsors Albemarle Foundation and Arrighi Construction LLC, and Master Chef Sponsor Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry as well as 64 other sponsors and 11 gift- in-kind contributors.

“The generosity of this community never ceases to amaze me,” said Development Director, Connie Caldwell. “It was a great turnout! And, we even raised more dollars through our Silent Auction than ever before! A special thanks to Committee Chair Kristen Landry, chefs, caterers, silent auction donors and volunteers as well as the other sponsors, silent auction donors, chefs, caterers, and volunteers who make this event happen each year.

Since the showcase began in 1983 with a two-day cooking demonstration, this premier fundraising event has raised over 2 million dollars for Cancer Services. The proceeds **directly** support the clients of Cancer Services. For photos from this year's event, visit [cancerservices.org](http://cancerservices.org) and click on Capital Chefs' Showcase Slideshow on the homepage. For more information on Cancer Services, call 927-2273.

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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](http://www.cancerservices.org).

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

