

ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES *of* OREGON

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**A simply delicious way to support a worthy cause!
Dining Out for Life® hosted by Subaru
On Thursday, April 26, 2012 ...DINE OUT, FIGHT AIDS**

On Thursday, April 26, 2012, more than 250,000 people across North America are expected to help raise crucially needed funds for their local HIV/AIDS service organizations by eating in one of the more than 3,500 restaurants in 56 cities that will donate a generous percentage of revenue from meals served that day. In Portland, participating restaurants will donate between 20 to 30 percent of that night's profits to the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) HIV Day Center and OHSU Partnership Project.

Everyone has been touched by somebody who has been affected by HIV/AIDS. In fact, nearly 7,500 new cases of HIV infections are reported worldwide each day. In the United States alone, someone is infected with HIV every nine and a half minutes. A significant fundraiser since 1990, Dining Out for Life offers a meaningful way to support a worthy cause that suffers from lack of funding. On a single day, nearly \$4 Million is raised in the struggle against HIV/AIDS.

The HIV Day Center is a drop-in center for low income people living with HIV and AIDS. In addition to providing hot meals, they provide counseling, clothing, phones, internet access, showers and laundry facilities. OHSU Partnership Project was founded in 1995 to provide services to people living with HIV/AIDS, their families and those at high-risk. They provide HIV case management and prevention counseling to those living with HIV/AIDS and those at high-risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS.

"Dining Out for Life is a win-win-win!" says spokesperson Ted Allen, host of the Food Network show Chopped. "The event helps bring new customers into neighborhood restaurants, it gives everyone an opportunity to make a contribution just by having breakfast, lunch or dinner with friends, and all money

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raised in each city, stays in that city.” Film and TV actor Pam Grier is a co-spokesperson for the event and will appear with Allen in a Public Service Announcement for the event.

Subaru, Open Table, Cellit and numerous regional sponsors—including Oregon Health Sciences University, Central Drugs and *The Oregonian*—and volunteers provide valuable support to the event in each market.

Find a participating restaurant in Portland at www.diningoutforlife.com/portland or join the conversation at Facebook.com/DineOut4Life and Twitter.com/DineOut4Life.

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