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DINE OUT, FIGHT AIDS on APRIL 30

Dining Out for Life® is a simply delicious way to support a worthy cause!

On Thursday, April 30, 2015, more than 3,000 restaurants will donate a portion of their proceeds from this one special day of dining to the licensed AIDS service agency in 60 cities. Through Dining Out for Life, more than \$4 million dollars a year is raised to support the missions of outstanding HIV/AIDS service organizations throughout North America.

In Portland, over 30 participating restaurants will donate between 20 to 30 percent of that day's profits to the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) HIV Day Center and OHSU Partnership Project. Great Portland metro area restaurants are lined up to participate this year, including Bazi Bierbrasserie, Gracie's, Las Primas, Lincoln, the Original, Red Star Tavern, The Bad Habit Room and 15 McMenamins locations—and more restaurants are signing on daily. Dine out at one of these restaurants on April 30, and be sure to mention that you're there for "Dining Out."

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 crisis intervention, peer support, 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.

"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 raised in each city, stays in that city."

National sponsor Subaru, and regional sponsors like PQ Monthly, Central Drugs, Schoenfeld & Schoenfeld and Portland Monthly, along with volunteers, provide valuable support to the event.

Find a participating restaurant in Portland at www.diningoutforlife.com/portland or join the conversation at [Facebook.com/DiningOutforLifePortland](https://www.facebook.com/DiningOutforLifePortland).

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of Christian denominations—including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox bodies—congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.