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**Taste of Red Hook: Rooted in Red Hook — Brooklyn's Premier Food Festival—Returns on October 5, 2023**

Tickets are on sale for the year's most anticipated foodie fundraising event.

**Red Hook, Brooklyn, NY (September 7, 2023)** – Taste of Red Hook, Brooklyn's most beloved food festival and fundraiser, returns for its 17th year on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, [Red Hook Initiative](#) (RHI), the event's host, announced today. The annual celebration will return to The Liberty Warehouse to showcase 50 of Brooklyn's best and most creative restaurants, bars, and wineries. At last year's celebration, more than 600 supporters enjoyed food and drink from local establishments on the Red Hook waterfront while looking out onto the Statue of Liberty.

This year, Taste of Red Hook: Rooted in Red Hook will feature signature dishes and drinks from award-winning establishments, including local institutions like [Hometown Bar-B-Que](#), [Fort Defiance](#), [Court Street Grocers](#), [Steve's Authentic Key Lime Pie](#), and newcomers [The Keg & Lantern](#), and [Grindhaus](#). The well-known culinary community in Red Hook is one of the city's most dynamic, one that Pete Wells of *The New York Times* said has "treasures on every block." The event includes a silent auction featuring travel, high-end fashion, local experiences, and more!

**"From farm dinners to holiday parties to Taste of Red Hook, RHI has provided our little restaurant, Grindhaus, the opportunity to connect with our neighborhood and the food grown just a few blocks away. We've been able to literally watch the Red Hook Farm grow and flourish over the years under RHI's direction, bringing it full circle " -Chef Kevin Speltz, Grindhaus**

The event represents RHI's unique ability to unify the community through shared experiences of food and celebration. All the proceeds from Taste of Red Hook: Rooted in Red Hook support RHI's innovative model to empower neighborhood youth and residents. Last year, the event raised over \$200,000, serving more than 6,500 Red Hook NYCHA residents each year through a nationally recognized youth development model, community building, and community hiring. Red Hook's public housing community remains isolated and lacks access to adequate schools, nutrition, health care, housing, and transportation. Through youth and staff salaries, RHI returns over \$1M yearly to residents of the borough's largest public housing complex, where the median household income is \$16,000.

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**“Over the past twenty-one years, Taste of Red Hook has become a staple event for our organization and its beloved neighborhood. Our organization has had the honor of convening hundreds of people to celebrate Red Hook’s culinary businesses and civic leaders. But the evening is also a gathering of individuals and groups who deeply believe in the mission and vision of the Red Hook Initiative: creating change from within.**

**Through partnership and shared commitment, Taste of Red Hook attendees have the opportunity to join RHI’s aspirational, triumphant, and determined approach to overcoming systemic inequity and inequality through the genius and ingenuity of our community. We are excited to have Brooklyn Magazine become part of that ecosystem this year as a media partner. We look forward to seeing everyone on October 5th.” - Michael Partis, Executive Director, Red Hook Initiative.**

You can purchase tickets for Taste of Red Hook on the event website: [bit.ly/torh\\_23](https://bit.ly/torh_23).

Anyone can secure Taste of Red Hook sponsorships by contacting Joe DeFeo, [JosephDeFeo@rhicenter.org](mailto:JosephDeFeo@rhicenter.org).

**Please visit our website for a complete list of participating restaurants and sponsors.**

**Photos from past Taste of Red Hook Events can be found here.**

**ABOUT RED HOOK INITIATIVE:** Red Hook Initiative (RHI) is a community-based organization that empowers youth and adults in the Red Hook neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY. Through education, employment, and youth development programs, RHI provides access to resources, skills, and opportunities to create a healthier, more equitable community. We aim to build a strong, vibrant, empowered Red Hook community. We strive to create an inclusive and safe environment for everyone to learn, grow, and thrive. Learn more about our work at [rhicenter.org](http://rhicenter.org).

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