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5th Annual Passport to the World, a food, beer and wine tasting tour
featuring celebrity chef and restaurateur, Chris Hodgson.

*A benefit for Geauga County Habitat for Humanity at Petitti Garden Center, 18548 Chillicothe Road, Bainbridge
on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 6pm-9:30pm (VIP reception opens at 5pm)*

Bainbridge, Ohio - October 12, 2013- Petitti Garden Centers in Bainbridge will be filled with a sensational array of food, drinks and entertainment as funds are raised for Geauga County Habitat for Humanity.

Chef and local restaurateur, Chris Hodgson, the pioneer of the Cleveland food truck craze and participant on Season 9 of Food Network's Food Network Star, will bring a unique experience to the 5th Annual Passport to the World. "I appreciate the important work that Habitat for Humanity does for the community and I'm happy to lend my skills to help them", says Chef Chris. Now that his office space is at The Welshfield Inn, with business partner and restaurateur Scott Kuhn, Chris has become a fan of all things Geauga County. The two are partners in The Driftwood Restaurant and Catering Group and are in the process of opening two new restaurants at Playhouse Square in Cleveland. The Driftwood Catering Company will be catering the Habitat benefit.

Guests of the event will take a culinary tour of 5 countries including England, Japan, Chile, Italy and Germany. Local and international beers and wine will accompany the food at each station. Other experiences include live auction & silent auctions, a raffle for a diamond necklace and the **VIP reception** hosted by Chef Hodgson, a pre-event where guests will have the opportunity to participate in a fun, food show host competition to win a prize.

The live auction will feature items such as a hot air balloon ride for 4; a 7-night stay at Breckenridge Colorado Grand Timber Lodge; an exotic trip to Africa; and a 5-course, in-home meal for 20 prepared by Chef Chris Hodgson & restaurateur Scott Kuhn. The silent auction will display more than 50 unique packages appealing to a variety of interests. **For early participation in the raffle of the vintage-style diamond necklace valued at \$1,200, visit Bella Design Jewelers** at 8560 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls. See the necklace and purchase tickets right on-site, 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20 beginning in September. Tickets will also be available for sale the night of the event. The winner need not be present to win.

Purchase discounted tickets to the 5th Annual Passport to the World at two, fun pre-sale ticket events that will take place at select Driftwood Restaurant & Catering Group establishments where you will enjoy complementary appetizers. Join our Habitat volunteers at The Welshfield Inn in Burton on Thursday, August 1st from 5:30pm-7:30pm OR Thursday, August 8th at Hodge's Cleveland. Cash bar will be available.

Sponsors to date include: VOYAGERS-Fairmount Minerals and Pentair, SIGHTSEER-FirstEnergy; TRAILBLAZERS-Adams Reserve Cheddar, Geauga Savings, Home Savings Charitable Foundation, Kinetico Incorporated, KSU Geauga, Preston Chevrolet/Cadillac/Ford/KIA, and True Vision Marketing; WEEKENDERS-D'MAZ Lifestyle Salon, FirstMerit Bank, Perfect-a-Smile Dental Group and Sheoga Hardwood Flooring. Sponsorships are still available!

Geauga County Habitat for Humanity is a charitable organization that helps families living in substandard conditions attain simple, decent housing by extending a hand up, not a hand out.