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Community Health Improvement Partners Brew Rendezvous Fundraiser

Brew Rendezvous: A fundraising event pairing San Diego’s top brewers, restaurants, and farms to benefit CHIP’s efforts to tackle obesity and improve our local food system

SAN DIEGO, CA — Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP), a San Diego non-profit organization, is set to hold its 3rd annual Brew Rendezvous fundraiser on Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM at SILO in Makers Quarter. Brew Rendezvous is a culinary pairing event that celebrates the unique role of craft brewers, local growers, and restaurants in cultivating community and health. The event raises awareness about the local food movement and will benefit CHIP’s efforts to tackle obesity through the development of a healthy, sustainable, regional food system.

Brew Rendezvous will pair San Diego’s top breweries with the talents and products of local chefs and farmers. Featured participants include URB N St. Brewery and Kitchen, Stone Brewery, Coronado Brewery, Ballast Point, The Lost Abbey, AleSmith Brewing Co., Stehly Farms Organics, Sahu Subtropicals, Connelly Gardens, Carnitas Snack Shack, Terra American Bistro, and many more.

A healthy community requires a healthy environment, economy, social conditions, and food access. Our local growers, chefs, and craft brewers are playing an important role in making these changes. They are using their resources to change our food system. They are creating economic development and investment in the region and providing employees with good paying jobs. “The local food movement encompasses environmental, social, and economic sustainability. Many believe that creating a more regional, sustainable food system could help solve many of our most pressing problems including obesity,” said Kristin Garrett Montgomery, CHIP President & CEO.

“The Brew Rendezvous event is a microcosm of what is happening across the country—a return to artisanal, sustainable products,” said Bill Sysak, Craft Beer Ambassador at Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens and Brew Rendezvous Brewery Co-Chair. “This event brings likeminded individuals together to support a worthy cause and enlighten the community of the bountiful fare to be found in and around San Diego.”

“Brew Rendezvous is a great example of raising awareness by having some fun and bringing people together for a good cause,” said Alex Carballo, partner at URBN in El Cajon and Brew Rendezvous Culinary Co-Chair. “The event recognizes the important contribution growers, brewers, and chefs are making to change our food system and health in San Diego.”

“Community Health Improvement Partners is one of San Diego’s leaders in collaboration and here again is an example of their work to bring together the players in our local food system in a unique way to support growers. Our family farm has been part of this event from the beginning and we look forward to it every year,” said Noel Stehly of Stehly Farms Organics, the Grower Co-Chair of Brew Rendezvous.

This event is open only to those 21 and older. Tickets are available online. For more information, to purchase tickets, or to view the list of participating restaurants, farms, and breweries, please visit www.sdchip.org/brew

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About Community Health Improvement Partners

The mission of CHIP is to assess and address priority health needs through collaboration. CHIP focuses on bringing partners together to tackle relevant and pressing health issues. CHIP programs include the San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative, Suicide Prevention Council, Resident Leadership Academy, Independent Living Association, Kaiser Permanente Healthy Eating Active Living Zone Project -Lemon Grove, Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health Project -Chula Vista, Nutrition and Healthcare Leadership Team, Farm to School Task Force and Health Literacy San Diego. For more information, visit www.sdchip.org.