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WHAT'S COOKIN' AT THE GNBCHC

*Community physicians battle for culinary mastery in Third Annual "Doctors' Cook-Off".
Proceeds to benefit the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center's Capital Campaign*

The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center will hold its Third Annual Doctors' Cook-Off on Sunday, September 19, from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at OceAnna Restaurant and Grill in New Bedford. Master Chef George Karousos has again kindly offered to help organize the Cook-Off and provide judges from his culinary school.

Last year's event, which raised over \$30,000 for the Health Center's Capital Campaign, showcased the cooking talents of area doctors. In this year's Cook-Off, judges from the International Institute of Culinary Arts in Fall River will award prizes for Best Appetizer, Best Entrée, and Best Dessert.

There will also be a live auction featuring local artwork and an accompanying "Vault Party" where attendees can buy keys to unlock bank boxes with prizes in them. (OceAnna resides in a former bank building with the 37-ton vault still in place). Entertainment will be provided by the Boston band Mystique. Attendees can purchase keys to a lockbox, and then have an opportunity to try the key in the appropriate box to claim prizes. Prizes range from restaurant gift certificates and a winter getaway to CD's and zoo passes.

The Cook-Off benefits the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center's Capital Campaign to upgrade the Center's existing facilities and to expand their Purchase Street location. The 20,000 sq. foot expansion of the medical facility will provide additional exam rooms and medical provider offices, patient registration and waiting areas, upgrades to the existing physical plant, and on-site parking for Health Center patients.

The cost of the event is \$100 per ticket, and can be purchased at the Health Center or by calling 508-984-8414, ext 208.

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