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Black Restaurant Group Hosts A Fundraising Pre-Opening Party at Pearl Dive Oyster Palace & Black Jack to Support Juvenile Diabetes

Proceeds from the September 10th event will help meet the \$200,000 goal of Black Restaurant Group to build a special teaching kitchen at the Washington Nationals Diabetes Care Complex at Children's National Medical Center.

WHAT: Chef/Owners of Black Restaurant Group, Barbara and Jeff Black, have teamed up with the Washington Nationals Diabetes Care Complex and Dr. Fran Cogen, MD of Children's National Medical Center for the second consecutive year to help raise money for juvenile diabetes. The Blacks will launch their fall fundraising initiative by opening the doors to their highly anticipated new restaurant, **Pearl Dive Oyster Palace & Black Jack**, for a pre-opening bash.

Proceeds from the evening will help meet their fundraising goal of \$200,000 to build a state-of-the-art kitchen at the Washington Nationals Diabetes Care Complex at Children's National Medical Center to support children with diabetes. The new facility is the vision of Dr. Fran Cogen, MD, named one of the "Best Doctors in America" and known for her dedication to advocating for the needs of patients and their families in managing diabetes.

Children's National Medical Center in partnership with the Washington Nationals Dream Foundation is building the new Washington Nationals Diabetes Care Complex on the first floor of the hospital. The new complex will provide expanded state-of-the-art, family-centered, and personalized diabetes care to children in the Washington Region and beyond.

WHEN: Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 6 PM to 1:30 AM.

HOW: Advanced tickets will go on sale July 22, 2011 for \$30 per person with additional tickets available on September 10th at the door for \$40 per person. Ticket price includes complimentary food at the pre-opening party and cash bar. Additional details and a link to purchase tickets can be found online at: www.eventfarm.com/blackjack

WHERE: Pearl Dive Oyster Palace & Black Jack
1612 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

WHY: The Washington Nationals Diabetes Care Complex will include four comprehensive care areas – a family reception and resource center; a clinical center; a multi-functional educational center; and simulation labs.

Nutritional education and management is a cornerstone of diabetes care. To this end, Chefs Jeff and Barbara Black are in the process of raising \$200,000 to build a fully equipped teaching kitchen as part of the simulation labs.

The kitchen will be a new edition to the Black Restaurant Group, this time serving the needs of children and families with diabetes by providing a realistic stage for food education and healthy cooking. To date the Black's have raised approximately 50 percent of their target goal, so community support is crucial to raise the additional \$100,000 in 2011.

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