

# Chef Tigist Reda to host “Chicago Chefs Cook for Tigray” in partnership with HPN4Tigray

*More than 20 of Chicago's most celebrated chefs will be featured at the benefit*

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES, August 29, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Chicago chefs are stepping up in support of the humanitarian crisis in Tigray, Ethiopia. On Wednesday, September 21, 2022 from 6p-9p, Tigray native, chef Tigist Reda, will host “[Chicago Chefs Cook for Tigray](#)”, in partnership with [Health Professionals Network for Tigray](#) (HPN4Tigray). The benefit takes place at the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture, and is organized by chef Sarah Stegner, Eda Davidman, chef Tony Priolo, and Darren Gest – the team behind "Chicago Chefs Cook for Ukraine", which raised over \$600,000 this past March. Jodi Fyfe of The Paramount Group will also be joining as a member of the organizing team. Ticket holders will enjoy world class cuisine from more than 20 of Chicago's most renowned chefs with performances throughout the evening and a merchandise marketplace, all within the backdrop of an iconic landmark building from the late 1800s. Proceeds from the event will directly support humanitarian relief for women and children in Tigray, and refugees in Sudan.



A family from Tigray at the refugee camp in Sudan



Chef Tigist Reda's recent visit to a refugee camp in Sudan

For more than two years, Tigray has been the center of a humanitarian crisis fueled by war and the denial of humanitarian aid. Since July 2021, there's been an enforced communications blackout, denied access to banking, and ethnic violence toward thousands of civilians. As a result, chef Tigist has lost contact with friends and family. "I haven't spoken to my 68 year old mom for over a year," she shared. "During this time, I also learned my baby brother and his wife had a little girl, but only from a few pictures sent via WhatsApp from the besieged Tigray. Since phone and banking systems are shut down, there's no way for me to get them help or inquire about their safety firsthand." Tigist turned to her chef community for help, and they listened, rallying together in support of her efforts to raise funds for the people of Tigray.

The poster features a blue sky background with a tree on the right. The text "CHICAGO CHEFS COOK" is in white, bold, sans-serif font, with "FOR" in red inside a white star. Below that, "Tigray" is written in a white, cursive font. At the bottom, a red banner contains the event details: "SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 | 6-9PM" and "NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PUERTO RICAN ARTS & CULTURE" in white, sans-serif font. A white star logo with a 'C' inside is also present.

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COOK**   
*Tigray*

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Join us for Chicago Chefs Cook for Tigray on  
Wednesday, September 21

Proceeds from "Chicago Chefs Cook for Tigray" will fund disaster relief projects headed by HPN4Tigray: a nonprofit, and non-partisan organization committed to improving access to healthcare and unmet humanitarian needs. Ticket and vendor sales will go directly toward purchasing food aid, life-saving emergency supplies, medication, medical supplies, and more. "Last year we raised \$110,000 with the help of 16 On Center and The Paramount Group, which helped build the HPN4Tigray wellness center for women and children in a Tenedba refugee camp", said chef Tigist. "This year, with the help of the Chicago hospitality community, we are confident in raising even more funds to support the welfare of the women and children in Tigray."

#### CHEF LINEUP

Art Smith: Reunion  
Beverly Kim & Johnny Clark: Wherewithall  
Bill Kim: Urban Belly  
Brian Jupiter: Ina Mae  
Cliff Rome: Rome's Joy Catering  
Dana Cree: Pretty Cool Ice Cream  
Darnell Reed: Luella's Southern Kitchen  
Devon Quinn: Eden

Erick Williams: Virtue, Daisy's Po' Boy and Tavern  
Giuseppe Tentori: GT Prime  
Jason Hammel & Andrew Holladay: Lula Café  
Jenner Tomaska: Esme'  
Joseph Flamm: Rose Mary  
Lamar Moore: River North Dining & Entertainment  
Louie Alexakis & Nikolaos Kapernaros: Avli  
Matthias Merges: Folkart Management  
Martial Noguier: Bistronomic  
Mary Aregoni: Saigon Sisters  
Noah Sandoval: Pizza Friendly Pizza, 16 on Center  
Paul Kahan & Greg Wade: Publican Quality Bread  
Rick Bayless & Zach Steen: Frontera Grill  
Sarah Stegner & George Bumbaris: Prairie Grass Cafe  
Tigist Reda: Demera  
Tony Priolo: Piccolo Sogno

#### IMAGERY

[Click here](#) for images from chef Tigist Reda's recent trip to a Sudan refugee camp.

#### TICKET SALES + INFO

Tickets are \$150 per person and can be purchased at the door or by visiting [www.givebutter.com/EXKQu4](http://www.givebutter.com/EXKQu4). The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture is located at 3015 W Division St, Chicago, IL 60622. Attire is casual and parking will be onsite, along with street parking. Receipts for this event will be issued by Health Professionals Network for Tigray (HPN4Tigray) which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-religious, and non-partisan organization.

#### ABOUT HPN4TIGRAY

Health Professionals Network for Tigray (HPN4Tigray) is a nonprofit, and non-partisan organization that is committed to improving access to healthcare. The organization aims to provide support for the unmet humanitarian needs in Tigray, the northernmost region of Ethiopia. In November 2020, HPN4Tigray was founded by a group of doctors and other professionals in the United States in response to the human suffering caused by the ongoing war on Tigray. War, past and present, has greatly impacted and shaped the lives of all HPN4Tigray's founding members. To learn more about HPN4Tigray, please visit [www.hpn4tigray.org](http://www.hpn4tigray.org).

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