



Restaurants, caterers and chefs from across Ellis County and surrounding cities are coming together, putting their best dish forward to participate in The Signature Dish, a Manna House event. Vendors each bring samples of their best signature dish to share with attendees. Judges will be on-site to judge vendors in various categories, such as, Best Overall Dish, Best Dessert, Best Youth Chef and others as determined. An estimated 300-500 attendees at The Signature Dish will visit booths to partake in samples, giving vendors an opportunity to showcase their talents, their products and their restaurant or business.

<i>Date:</i> <b>Sunday, October 17, 2021</b> <b>5 to 8 pm</b>	<i>Location:</i> <b>Blaine Stone Lodge</b> <b>5331 Weatherford Road</b> <b>Midlothian, Texas 76065</b>
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***Open to the Public from 5-8 pm***  
***Setup begins at 12pm***  
***All vendors should be set up by 4 pm***

The Signature Dish is a Manna House event. Over the past 27 years, Manna House has served thousands of individuals and families, providing food, financial assistance, and other essential care to the people of Midlothian and Ellis County. Manna's goal is to give families a helping hand, empowering them to rise above the immediate crisis with a sense of dignity. Dedicated to serving the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of people in crisis, Manna House brings hope, encouragement and stability while building a stronger, healthier community.

We look forward to your joining us for The Signature Dish. Please fill out the Participant Form, and return to us by the early deadline of **August 17, 2021** for priority placement of your tent at the event or by the regular deadline of **October 1, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact us at 972-775-1800 or [info@mannahousesignaturedish.com](mailto:info@mannahousesignaturedish.com).



## **WHAT TO EXPECT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VENDORS:**

### **EVENT PARTICIPATION**

- There is no fee to participate in the event. Vendors are responsible for all expenses including ingredients and materials used in serving each sample dish.
- Vendors will be provided a 10x10 foot tent, two eight-foot tables with linens, two chairs, plates, silverware, and napkins. The vendor will need to provide everything else, e.g. food, chafing dishes, serving utensils, and signage in the booth.
- Decorating the booth is at the discretion of each vendor. Each vendor may use their own promotional materials at their booth.
- Vendors will have limited kitchen access. Food may be prepared ahead of time and served at the event or may be cooked onsite. All grills, or other tools producing grease, must be placed on top of a surface that will protect the grass. For example, grills may be placed over cardboard or wood covered by a faux grass turf or other decorative covering to catch grease.
- Vendors must have their own liability insurance that covers the date and time of the event.

### **ADVERTISING**

- Vendor logos will be used in advertising for The Signature Dish event several months ahead. Please provide your logo with this form.
- Each vendor may submit a recipe and photo to be included in the cookbook.  
Due September 15, 2021.
- Digital marketing materials will be provided to each vendor for The Signature Dish event. We encourage and appreciate vendors marketing the event at store locations and on digital platforms.

### **COMMUNICATION**

- Vendors will be kept up to date on event details and additional instructions will be communicated in the months leading up to the event.
- We will have a captain's meeting the week prior to the event to familiarize everyone with the site layout.



## RESTAURANT PARTICIPATION FORM

Please submit completed form and a business logo to [info@mannahousesignaturedish.com](mailto:info@mannahousesignaturedish.com) or mail to: Manna House, 3241A Robinson Rd., Midlothian, TX 76065

*Space is limited, and participation is granted on a first come, first serve basis.*

**Restaurant Participation Forms must be received by:**

Early deadline: **August 17, 2021** for priority placement of your tent at the event

Regular deadline: **October 1, 2021**

**Please print and fill in all blanks.**

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Dish being served (if determined): \_\_\_\_\_

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Electrical requests (limited and requests are not guaranteed): \_\_\_\_\_

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Will you need the two (2) eight-foot tables and chairs provided? \_\_\_\_\_

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### QUESTIONS?

Please call 972-775-1800 or e-mail [info@mannahousesignaturedish.com](mailto:info@mannahousesignaturedish.com)