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INDULGE FOR THE CAUSE: ATHENA DESSERTS FOR A CURE **Athena Partners and local chefs raise money for women's cancer research**

Kirkland, Wash. – In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October, Athena Partners has teamed up with Seattle-area chefs to present **Athena Desserts for a Cure**. This event is taking place at 12 restaurants where chefs have created signature “pink-themed Athena desserts” with 100 percent of the profits donated to local women’s cancer research throughout October.

“This is a delicious and fun way to make a difference for women’s cancer research,” said Trish May, founder and CEO of Athena Partners. “A fabulous group of restaurants have created an array of spectacular desserts that let the entire community indulge while supporting the cause. This is a wonderful reason to get together with our friends and families to dine out, have fun and help save lives at the same time. Eating dessert never felt so good.”

The 12 participating restaurants and their “Athena Desserts” are:

Christina's Food & Wine Christina Orchid (Orcas Island)	Cranberry buttermilk ice cream sandwich with pumpkin caramel sabayon
Dahlia Lounge Patric Gabre-Kidan	Warm brown butter almond cake with meringue ribbons, topped with Prosecco ice cream. Dahlia Bakery: A chocolate raspberry sandwich dipped in chocolate and piped with a little pink breast cancer ribbon
Earth & Ocean Sue McCown	<i>KICK IT:</i> A bittersweet chocolate pound cake and chocolate ganache wrapped in a pink and white “tootsie roll”
Kaspar's Kaspar Donier	Cabernet, cranberry and pear tiramisu
Lark John Sundstrom	Yogurt semifreddo with pomegranate rose jelly and rose biscuits
Macrina Bakery Leslie Mackie	Chocolate Guatemalan bread with pink sprinkles
The Oceanaire Seafood Room Kevin Davis	Pink pear tart with handmade puff pastry and spiced mascarpone
Pomegranate & Lisa Dupar Catering Lisa Dupar	<i>Nipples of Venus:</i> A (pink) white chocolate-coated large truffle filled with an orange hazelnut, white chocolate ganache
Ray's Boathouse Marcia Sisley-Berger	<i>Pink Cloud:</i> White chocolate angel food cake with Chambord sabayon
Serafina John Neumark	<i>Budino con Cotogno e Pane:</i> Quince and cranberry bread pudding with Campari-blood orange Anglaise
Third Floor Fish Café Sandra Watson	Raspberry triple chocolate torte with raspberry chantilly cream and raspberry coulis
Yarrow Bay Grill Jessica Campbell	<i>Tickled Pink:</i> a raspberry cupcake with pink mascarpone frosting, accompanied by a strawberry ice cream truffle and pink ribbon butter cookie

For more information about Athena Desserts for a Cure, participating restaurants, and to get a complimentary copy of the Athena Desserts Recipe Booklet, visit Athena Partners' Web site at www.athenapartners.org beginning Friday, October 1, 2004. Athena Desserts is co-sponsored by Seattle Cancer Care Alliance.

Athena Partners, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) venture philanthropy company, is dedicated to advancing research and education to eliminate breast and gynecological cancers. A full 100 percent of the net profits from sales of Athena bottled water are devoted to innovative research to find a cure. Athena bottled water is available through Western Washington grocery stores, coffee shops, cafés, caterers and other specialty outlets. Athena Partners' website, www.athenapartners.org, provides a comprehensive directory to leading national and Seattle-area cancer information and online resources about women's cancers.

**** Photos and Athena Desserts Recipe Booklet available upon request.**

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