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## **Brunch For Hope Presents Brunchin' in N'awlins Benefiting Dallas Hope Charities**

**DALLAS – September 3, 2019** – Everyone is invited to let the good times roll “*Laissez les bon temps rouler!*” at the first annual **Brunch for Hope** event, “Brunchin’ in N’awlins”. The much-anticipated New Orleans style jazz brunch, reminiscent of NOLA festivities, music and décor is the largest fundraiser for Dallas Hope Charities (DHC). Featuring cuisine by local celebrity **Chef Blythe Beck** (‘Naughty Chef’ and Pink Magnolia), ‘adult beverages’ sponsored by **Favorite Brands of DFW**, live jazz with *Bree & The Fellas*, artwork and some fun surprises in-between, it is sure to be a brunch experience to remember!

The 2019 Brunch for Hope will be held on Saturday, September 14, starting at 10:30 a.m. at the 2616 Commerce Event Center (2616 Commerce St, Dallas, TX, 75209). Tickets are \$75 for general admission and \$125 for VIP tickets to benefit Dallas Hope Charities. For more information and to purchase tickets, tables or sponsorships, visit [dallashopecharities.org/events/brunch-for-hope](http://dallashopecharities.org/events/brunch-for-hope)

“The vision for this annual event is not only to have a fun, but to be a time to reflect on the inspirational and life-saving work DHC has done for homelessness & hunger in the Dallas community,” said DHC Board President Mr. **Leslie Frye**.

*Brunchin’ in N’awlins* also supports DHC’s Dallas Hope Center, the first LGBT-focused shelter in the Dallas area, tailored to the needs of individuals ages 18-24. “We rely immensely on our generous supporters who donate their time and dollars so that we are able to provide food, shelter and services for so many in need,” stated Mr. **Jason Vallejo**, Executive Director of DHC. In addition to the center, DHC also provides a variety of programs to combat hunger and homelessness in the Dallas community. In 2018, these programs helped serve 35,700 meals, distributed 5,400 bags of groceries along with 1,100 ‘Blessing Bags’ and 422 Thanksgiving baskets, provided more than 132 nights of shelter, and had over 7,000 Volunteer hours.



The DHC Board has put together a jazzy team for this inaugural event including Keynote Speaker **Matthew Riemer**, renowned author of *We Are Everywhere: Protest, Power, and Pride in the History of Queer Liberation*. “Organizations like Dallas Hope Charities - those that channel individual privilege into collective action - have always been on the front lines of the fight for liberation,” stated Riemer. “I can’t wait to break bread, and discuss queer history, with those who make possible DHC’s lifesaving work.” You won’t want to miss the opportunity to hear Riemer speak at this event. Anderson Cooper said “If you think the fight for justice and equality only began in the streets outside Stonewall, with brave patrons of a bar fighting back, you need to read *We Are Everywhere* right now.”

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## ABOUT DALLAS HOPE CHARITIES



Dallas Hope Charities is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that fulfills the outreach mission and the call for being aware of caring for those in need. Our mission is to mobilize and inspire a vibrant, inclusive and progressive volunteer force in the fight against homelessness and hunger, serving all individuals no matter where they are on their journey, with the hope that their lives will forever be transformed. For more information about DHC, visit <https://www.dallashopecharities.org/>

## ABOUT BLYTHE BECK



Chef Blythe Beck, known for [The Naughty Kitchen with Chef Blythe Beck](#) (2009) and [Beat Bobby Flay](#) (2013), is Co-founder & Executive Chef of Pink Magnolia in Dallas, TX. When this fiery upstart announced to Chef Dean Fearing that she was going to be his new apprentice, everyone was quite taken aback. But sure enough, she claimed her place as his number two and worked her tail off in the Mansion's Kitchen... soaking up the craft from the culinary guru and dreaming up her plan of total culinary world domination.

She brought color to those corporate kitchens...pink to be exact. Like the major at a parade, Blythe marched through a series of sweet gigs...Hector's on Henderson, Central 214, her own show *Naughty Kitchen with Chef Blythe Beck* on Oxygen, Movie Lounge in Arkansas and then a stint at Kitchen LTO where she met her match and new partner in Pink Magnolia. Blythe is on a mission to spread pink positive love.

## ABOUT MATTHEW RIEMER



Matthew Riemer lives in Washington, D.C. A former attorney, Riemer is now focused on his career as a writer and lecturer. He enjoys fighting fascists, spending time with his dog, and disrupting fundamentalists' worldviews.

Matthew Riemer and Leighton Brown, authors of *We Are Everywhere: Protest, Power, and Pride in the History of Queer Liberation* are the creators of the hugely popular Instagram account @lgbt\_history which now has almost 500,000 followers.

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- Anderson Cooper

"*We Are Everywhere* is an invaluable brick in the foundation of our collective LGBTQ+ history, and a vivid reminder that queer people have a joyful, complicated, and inspiring history."

- Dustin Lance Black