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**Join The Food Depot for an exciting announcement about their building project!**

(SANTA FE, NM January 5, 2012) More than 1,000 guests will decide which of our community's finest restaurants has the best soups in Santa Fe at Souper Bowl XVIII. This benefit for The Food Depot, Northern New Mexico's food bank will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center. Guests will thrill in the competition, grab some fabulous silent auction items and have an opportunity to purchase a cookbook featuring soup recipes from Santa Fe's finest chefs! Guests will also pick up a Winter Fiesta Adventure Pass compliments of Hutton Broadcasting and SantaFe.Com and join Chef Megan Tucker for soup cooking demonstrations! Finally, guests, volunteers and restaurants will celebrate a new and exciting development on The Food Depot's building project!

Restaurants will compete in one the following categories – Best Cream Soup, Best Savory Soup, Best Seafood Soup, Best Vegetarian Soup – with all restaurants competing for the Best Soup. The following restaurants will participate: Anasazi Restaurant, Blue Corn Café & Brewery Southside, Bon Appetit, Café Pasqual's, Café Café, Chef Nuevo Caliente Catering, Dinner for Two, Jambo Café, Kingston Residence of Santa Fe, La Casa Sena, La Plazuela at La Fonda on the Plaza, Nath's Speciality Catering, Palacio Café, Pantry Restaurant, Pizza Etc, Plaza Café Southside, Pueblo Deli, Real Food Nation and Supper Club, Red Sage at Hilton Santa Fe Resort & Spa at Buffalo Thunder, Rio Chama, Santa Fe Bar & Grill, Santa Fe Capitol Grill, Sup, Tune-Up Café, Turquoise Trail Bar & Grill at Buffalo Thunder, Whole Foods Market, Whole Hog Café and Zia Diner. Should a restaurant need to withdraw, The Food Depot is developing a waiting list of restaurants. Restaurants should call Sherry Hooper at 505-471-1633, X10 to be added to the list.

This year's Souper Bowl is brought to you by the following sponsors: Platinum...Bobbi Hall, Herbs Etc, Hutton Broadcasting, Los Alamos National Bank and KSFR 101.1FM Santa Fe Public Radio. Gold...Mick Rich Contractors and *the Santa Fe New Mexican*. Silver...Alphagraphics, The Framing Company, Good Water Company, Hal Burns Truck & Equipment Services, Sarcon Construction and *Tumbleweeds Newspaper for Santa Fe Families*. Bronze ...Century Bank, Denman & Associates, Chalmers Capitol Ford Lincoln, HUB International Insurance Services, John Adams with Raymond James & Associates, and New Mexico Bank & Trust. Sponsors...Aroma Coffee, Barks & Bubbles and Blush Boutique.

Tickets are available in advance at The Food Depot, 1222 Siler Road or guests can order their tickets online at [www.thefooddepot.org](http://www.thefooddepot.org). Advanced tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 6-12 years of age. Tickets will also be available at the door for adults /\$30 and children/\$10.

The Food Depot is committed to ending hunger in Northern New Mexico. As the food bank for nine Northern New Mexico counties, The Food Depot provides food to 120 not-for-profit agencies including emergency food pantries, hot meal programs, homeless shelters, youth programs, senior centers, homes for the mentally disabled and shelters for battered persons. This service enables these agencies to stay focused on their primary missions such as sheltering homeless families, providing hot meals to the homebound and offering life skills development to youth. The food bank distributes an average of 300,000 pounds of food and household products each month, providing more than 400,000 meals to people in need - the most vulnerable of our community – children, seniors, working families and those in ill health. ###

**MISSION: *The Food Depot strives to end hunger in Northern New Mexico***

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