



Geoffrey Zakarian, chairman of City Harvest's Food Council and the event's host, and **Alfred Portale**, executive chef and partner of Gotham Bar and Grill, during the festivities at the Metropolitan Pavilion.

Celebrity chefs take aim at food waste

More than 50 of the city's top chefs and mixologists provided food and drinks for the 800-plus revelers at a speakeasy-themed benefit for City Harvest. The dinner raised a record \$1.5 million, in part because of its auction of one-of-a-kind experiences. One donor paid \$50,000 to go on a bar crawl with chef/restaurateurs Scott Conant of Fusco, Marc Murphy of Landmarc and Geoffrey Zakarian of The Lambs Club.



Eric Ripert, chef and co-owner of Le Bernardin and vice chairman of City Harvest's board, with his wife, **Sandra**, at the Oct. 19 event. The dinner and silent and live auctions raised enough money to rescue 6 million pounds of food.

Beyond books



The Queens Library took in a record \$528,000 to provide such services as English classes and job training at its Oct. 17 fundraiser. **Jeffrey Barker**, president of Bank of America for New York state; honoree **Lester Young Jr.**, regent at large of the University of the State of New York; **Dennis Walcott**, president and chief executive of the Queens Library; honoree **Patricia Harris**, chief executive of Bloomberg Philanthropies; and **Judith Bergtraum**, vice chancellor for facilities planning, construction and management for the City University of New York, attended.



Cathy Hung, executive director of the Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning; **Peter McWhinnie**, founder and chief executive of Torridon Solutions; **Paula Kirby**, managing director at Plaxall; **Kathryn Wylde**, president and CEO of the Partnership for New York City; and **Carol Conslato**, director of Con Edison Corporate Affairs, at the event, held at the Queens Museum.

Honoring a legend

LSA Family Health Service, which was founded by Little Sisters of the Assumption to provide various types of aid to those struggling in Harlem and the Bronx, held a benefit Oct. 16. Broadway actress **Doreen Montalvo** performed a tribute to event honoree **Chita Rivera**, a stage and screen legend who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009.



Christine Stonbely and her husband, **George**, owners of Spectacular Ventures, helped steer the party held at Guastavino's, which raised nearly \$1 million.

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