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Martha's Table Raises Over \$280,000 at its 1st Annual Brighter Future Benefit
Andy Shallal Honored at Affair Supporting the Organization's Ambitious Expansion to Two New Locations

Washington, DC - June 8, 2017 – On Thursday, June 1st, over 300 guests, including philanthropists, partners, and supporters attended Martha's Table's 1st Annual Brighter Future Benefit. The event took place within walking distance of the organization's future headquarters, which is currently under construction in the Hillside/Fort Stanton neighborhoods of Southeast D.C. Community activist and entrepreneur Andy Shallal received the *Luminary Award* for his commitment to supporting authentic community partnerships in the District. Susan Gage Caterers and U.S. Trust were the presenting sponsors for the evening.

The Brighter Future Benefit celebrated Martha's Table historic expansion to two brand-new locations that will result in increased enrollment in its early childhood education programming by 40% and expansion of its healthy eating programming to thousands more children and their families. Guests took in the breathtaking views of the nation's capital from the lawn of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, one of the highest points in Southeast D.C., as they mingled under a party tent on the manicured grounds.

Guests enjoyed special performances by Martha's Table student performers and the Panorama Jammers, along with music by Secret Society band. Supporters also had the opportunity to participate in a live auction of one-of-a-kind items and experiences, including a cooking lesson with celebrity chef Joan Nathan and a Martha's Table apron signed by President Obama. A paddle call also raised funds for Martha's Table's *Summer Hunger* campaign.

"It's hard to believe that in a little over a year, we'll be hosting next year's Brighter Future Benefit at our new home. It has been an exciting and busy time for us. We have so many projects happening at the same time, so we must continue to stretch ourselves, our capacity, and our resources now more than ever to continue to stand with children and families in support of a brighter future. We're extremely grateful to have garnered so much support from our neighbors, partners, and supporters," adds Patty Stonesifer, President and CEO of Martha's Table.

In March, Martha's Table put its longtime headquarters on 14th Street in Northwest D.C. on the market to help fund Martha's Table's expansion to two new locations and has recently selected Madison Investments – a family-owned and operated developer based in D.C. – as the buyer. Its new headquarters will be in Ward 8, at 2375 Elvans Road SE. The project, a brand-new campus called The Commons at Stanton Square, is a collaborative partnership between the Horning Family Fund, Horning Brothers, Community of Hope, and Martha's Table housed within a 57,000-squarefoot building designed by cox, graae + spack architects. The Commons broke ground in early May. Martha's Table will also operate a satellite location in Ward 1 at the historic Maycroft building at 15th and Columbia Road, in

partnership with Jubilee Housing. Martha's Table signed its lease for its 7,000-squarefoot satellite location at the Maycroft last month. The sale of its 14th street headquarters is expected to close in fall 2018 after Martha's Table makes its move to the two new centers.

About Martha's Table

For over 35 years, Martha's Table has worked to support stronger children, stronger families, and stronger communities by increasing access to quality education programs, healthy food, and family supports. We believe that every child deserves the opportunity for their brightest future, and a deeply engaged family and community committed to their success. For more information, please visit www.marthastable.org.

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