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Chef Bradley Rouse, employed by Tom Tom bistro in Atlanta, garnishes dessert plates at the Open Arms benefit, A Taste of Southwest Georgia II last year.

Young Albanian chefs to be the feature at Opens Arms benefit

■ Bring a hearty appetite to this fund raiser and you won't go away hungry.

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ALBANY — Culinary delights concocted by some young native Albanian chefs will be the feature of A Taste of Southwest Georgia III, a Feb. 10 benefit for Open Arms.

Jeremy Patrick, Bradley Rouse, Billy Swearingen and Todd White will join to produce the meal, said Kirk Rouse, Open Arms board member and a chairman for the event. Rouse and Swearingen are employed at Tom Tom, an Atlanta bistro, and White works at The Ford Plantation, a private sporting community in Savannah. Patrick, a 2000 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, currently works as an independent chef.

"The menu for the evening will encompass dishes that are Southern in nature, but prepared in a special fashion to please connoisseurs of fine dining," Patrick said.

The evening will begin with a reception, including hors d'oeuvres, sparkling white wine and specialty beers. The Ed Cox Trio of Columbus, with its tenor saxophonist, will provide the entertainment.

On the menu for the four-course dinner complimented by professionally-paired premium wines

is crawfish bisque and M. Trinchero Chardonnay, followed by a salad of mixed greens with blueberry vinaigrette, toasted pecans and St. Andre's cheese with Chateau Ste. Michelle Johannisberg Riesling.

The entree of wood-grilled quail and roasted oyster corn cake with seasonal greens will be paired with Chateau Mont-Redon Cotes-du-Rhone. Dinner will be topped off by a dessert of sweet potato tart with cinnamon chantilly and Grand Marnier chocolate sauce.

The dinner will be hosted at The Parks at Chehaw's new Creekside Educational Center. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Open Arms, serving a 36-county area of Southwest Georgia, is the parent organization of The Bridge, an emergency shelter for abused and neglected children; The Sunshine Center, a child advocacy center; Healthy Families, a prevention program for teenage mothers; and Cornerstone, a therapeutic group home for abused and neglected children.

A limited number of tax deductible tickets are available at \$75 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the Open Arms administrative office at 601 Pine Ave. or by calling (229) 431-1121.

- WHAT:** A Taste of Southwest Georgia III
- WHY:** Fund raiser for Open Arms
- WHEN:** 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10
- WHERE:** The Parks at Chehaw's Creekside Educational Center
- COST:** \$75 per person (a portion is tax deductible)
- INFORMATION:** (229) 431-1121

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