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Mark Bucher and Medium Rare Continue a DC Tradition hosting the 8th Annual Free Turkey Fry On Thanksgiving Day

WASHINGTON, D.C. – (November 1, 2016) – Thanksgiving is a holiday focused on food, family, friends and tradition. At the center of that tradition is the turkey. According to a recent CNN poll, 86 percent of Americans will eat the famous fowl on the holiday. However, for many the thought of spending hours basting is not part of their holiday game plan. Continuing their eight year tradition, Medium Rare Co-Founder, Mark Bucher will once again offer their FREE TURKEY FRY at the Barracks Row location of Medium Rare.

"Over the years I've discovered there are many sources for no cost turkeys for families having financial hardship in and around DC. The bigger problem is they have nowhere to cook it". By doing this Turkey Fry, I not only enable hundreds of local families to have a proper Thanksgiving meal, I also help other families enjoy the amazing taste of a deep fried turkey and make sure they have a safe , emergency room and fire department free Thanksgiving.

This year, Medium Rare has also partnered with Pie Sister's of Georgetown to offer special Pumpkin Pies for the Holiday. These Pumpkin Pies will be available for sale during the Turkey Fry on Thanksgiving day. \$5.00 from the sale of each pie , will go directly to buying presents for kids and families staying at NIH's Children's Inn this holiday season.

For those who would like to participate, keep the following in mind:

- The turkey frying is free, but you do have to supply the turkey.
- Bring a completely thawed 8-10 pound turkey to be fried.

- You will need to have your own container for the turkey when transporting to and from the restaurant.
- While they always get to everyone, the service is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those who want their turkey fried by Medium Rare can bring it to 515 8th Street S.E. in the Capital Hill/Barracks Row area on Thursday, November 24, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The turkeys will be cooked using a deep fryer.

There will also be hot cider and coffee, as well as the Macy's parade playing on TV. For many this has become an annual addition to their holiday celebration, where they look forward to meeting old and new friends, alike.

The cooking service is always free, but those who would like to give back are encouraged to make a donation to The Children's Inn at NIH.

Mark is available for interviews, on set or day of event and on location cooking demos. Mark is also available to offer additional talking points about Thanksgiving day food safety, turkey cooking techniques, creative leftover ideas and general holiday cooking tips.

About Medium Rare

Founded in 2011, Medium Rare has quickly become a DC institution. With two locations in the Washington, DC area, the restaurants specialize in steaks frites and are famous for their secret steak sauce. In addition to their prix-fixe dinner, they also serve weekend brunch. For more information, visit www.mediumrarerestaurant.com.

Pie Sisters Georgetown

Pie Sisters is a gourmet pie shop located in the heart of Georgetown, Washington DC. It was founded by three local sisters in the fall of 2010 and has since become a staple in the DC food scene. They offer both sweet and savory pies and feature seasonal specialties such as apple caramel crunch, pumpkin spice and bourbon chocolate pecan. For more information on holiday ordering and catering events, please visit www.piesisters.com.

Source:

National Restaurant Association. *79 million to call on restaurants on Thanksgiving, Black Friday*. < <http://www.restaurant.org/News-Research/News/79-million-Americans-to-call-on-restaurants-on-Tha>>