



# seeds of change

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**Tickets are still available!**



LMM's fifth annual *savor* benefits thousands of community members in need. Enjoy offerings from some of Cleveland's finest chefs and restaurants while supporting a worthy cause. Enter now or the night of to win exceptional raffle prizes! *Need not be present to win. Drawing is on March 22.*

## 2018 Raffle Prizes!

**savor the vacation:** one week stay at resort in Orlando & \$150 in dining gift cards

**savor the experience:** private dinner & cooking experience at LMM

**savor the city:** a collection of Cleveland attractions & food

*\*ALL raffle prize packs include a Vitamix Blender!*

**Purchase event and raffle tickets at**  
**[lutheranmetro.org](http://lutheranmetro.org)!**

**Enjoy tastings from some of Cleveland's best restaurants, including:**

Bubba's-Q	Mitchell's Ice Cream
DonutLab	Pier W
Great Lakes Brewing Company	Pope's Kitchen
J. Pistone	Provenance
La Dolce Vita	Rising Star Coffee Roasters
LMM's Central Kitchen	University Hospitals
The Loretta Paganini School of Cooking	Ahuja Medical Center
Melt Bar & Grilled	<i>and more!</i>



LMM culinary student puts the finishing touches on a *savor* dish for a local restaurant.

## The nostalgic Silver Grille at the Higbee Building

**Thursday, March 22**  
6:30 – 9 pm

**VIP Reception**  
5:30 – 6:30 pm

**EMCEE:**  
**Russ Mitchell, Anchor,**  
**WKYC-TV3**

**HONORARY CHAIR:**  
**Brittani Bo Baker, Bubba's-Q**

Terminal Tower will light up blue and green again this year in honor of *savor*!

## savor 2018 Honorary Chair



Brittani Bo Baker, Bubba's-Q

LMM is pleased to announce the Honorary Chair for *savor* 2018 is Brittani Bo Baker, Managing Partner of Bubba's-Q restaurant in Avon, Ohio. Ms. Baker has been a supporter of LMM for several years and continues to find ways to make a difference in the lives of participants by giving back. Get to know more about Brittani before you meet her at *savor*!

### Q & A:

#### What has your involvement been with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry over the years?

I have always had a passion for helping the less fortunate. When Bubba's-Q opened in 2006, I would hand out food to people who are homeless on the streets of downtown Cleveland, whatever was left, I'd take it to the Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside. I told one of the directors about my passion for helping the homeless and he connected me with Michael Sering, Vice President of Housing & Shelter at LMM. Michael has made it possible for me to fulfill my passion of helping the less fortunate through him and the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry team.

#### Describe the feeling you get meeting LMM participants and getting to know their stories.

It melts my heart. I travel throughout the U.S. speaking to entrepreneurs and corporations and my speech is always about "returning to success" and whatever your personal idea of success may be, and that's exactly what the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry programs help participants do. It helps them return to their success and their life, it helps them get their life back on track and some of these people may not have been able to do that without these programs created by LMM. When I plan events at Bubba's-Q for some of the LMM groups, I like to give them the best of everything to remind them there's more out there and with hard work and determination, they can turn their lives around. If I touch one person out of 10, it was worth it to me.

#### What about LMM's mission makes you and your team at Bubba's-Q stay involved?

When I first met Michael Sering, I told him I wanted to open a shelter for the homeless and less fortunate. He gave me a tour of a few of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's shelters and program areas. I was overwhelmed when I realized how much went into operating a shelter. I respect him and his team for all that they do to help so many in need in Cleveland and surrounding areas, and I am grateful that I can fulfill my passion for helping the homeless and less fortunate through Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry.

#### Why should people come to *savor* and support LMM?

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry makes what they do from the outside looking in seem easy, but it's not. There is so much and so many areas that go into helping the needy and their work is never done, so people should come out to support LMM because they appreciate any and every bit of support.

## President Around Town

Five years into his role, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's President & CEO, Andrew D. Genszler, is known within the LMM community as being involved and accessible to both participants and all staff. In addition to his role at LMM, Genszler is also a Navy chaplain and participates on boards and committees of organizations with missions similar to LMM's. He believes that this public service and civic engagement inform responsive leadership and a vision for a sustainable organization years into the future! Take a look at his most recent outreach!



Andrew Genszler volunteers alongside State Senator, Sandra Williams.

### Fighting Hunger

Alongside public officials and community partners, LMM President & CEO, Andrew Genszler, helped to distribute food to families in need at The Greater Cleveland Food Bank shortly before the end of 2017. Genszler, serves on the Food Bank's Advocacy Committee, loaded cars with fresh produce for deserving families, helping the Food Bank's December Produce Distribution serve over 750 households!

## JCU Engages with C4C

Students from the John Carroll University Center for Service and Social Action spent their Friday night at LMM to tour The Richard Sering Center and share a meal with participants from the Chopping for Change program. Everyone had a great evening and C4C looks forward to more events with JCU in the future!



Drew tells a group from John Carroll University about LMM's mission.

## Sense of "Community"

Our friends at New Community Bible Fellowship (NCBF) stopped by Drew's office recently to present a special gift of \$10,000 to the agency. NCBF has been a supporter of LMM for years and stays involved by volunteering, donating, and finding ways to incorporate our agency into their own community. Most recently, NCBF members participated and volunteered at Gritty City, and hosted a resource fair after church services, inviting LMM to talk to their congregation about our mission and programs.



Pastor Kevin James presents LMM's Andrew Genszler with a check from New Community Bible Fellowship.



Pictured L to R: Andrew Genszler, LMM President & CEO; Gregg Westover, North Ridgeville Council Member; Preston Tyler, Men's Shelter staff member

## Shelter Moments

On one of his regular trips to visit staff and residents at the Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside, Drew ran into a special guest who was dropping off donations! Gregg Westover, North Ridgeville Ward One Council Member, was stopping by with clothing donations, including those from his fellow council members and friends! Since his visit, Councilman Westover has been collecting donations of hats, gloves, socks, t-shirts, toiletries and more. You never know what great volunteers and donors you'll run into at 2100, where so many big hearts step through the doors to get to know our deserving residents!



Andrew Genszler and LMM participant, Amanda Ernsberger, join WKYC TV host Tiffany Tarpley on *We The People*.

## *We The People*

Andrew Genszler and LMM Chopping for Change graduate Amanda Ernsberger were on WKYC's *We The People* to discuss LMM's involvement with the community-wide read of the book *Evicted: Poverty & Profit in the American City*. Amanda talked about her own experience with eviction while showing off her culinary skills that recently helped her land two restaurant jobs and get back on her feet. (See the back cover for details on community read.)



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# Join the Conversation One Community Reads

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry is taking part in "One Community Reads," a collaboration between the nine local public library systems, City Club of Cleveland and Playhouse Square. The Greater Cleveland community is encouraged to read *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. Following the read, there are numerous community discussions around Cuyahoga County focused on housing insecurity concerns and housing solutions in Cleveland and surrounding areas.

We hope YOU will grab a copy of the book at your nearest library branch and join us for the discussion at LMM! This is an opportunity for meaningful conversation about our community and how the impact of eviction and homelessness touches us all in some way, including our program participants who are reading the book.

**Thursday, April 5, 3 p.m.**  
**The Richard Sering Center**  
**4515 Superior Avenue**  
**Cleveland, Ohio 44103**



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