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SIXTH ANNUAL EAT DRINK SLC REIMAGINED VIRTUALLY

-Supports Local Restaurant, Wine & Spirits Community and Utah Food Bank-

[July 6, 2020 Salt Lake City, UT] *Since the COVID-19 pandemic forced cancellation of the 6th annual Eat Drink SLC culinary festival/fundraiser, organizers have reimagined their commitment to the local community by matching donations up to \$10,000 to Utah Food Bank and launching a digital campaign for the month of July encouraging would-be ticket-holders to support local restaurants, distilleries, and craft brewers.*

For the past five summers, Salt Lake City's culinary community has turned out by the hundreds to support [Eat Drink SLC \(EDSLC\)](#). EDSLCS's mission is to raise awareness of Salt Lake's finest culinary and cultural opportunities through engaging patrons with the marriage of food and drink. Net proceeds benefit nonprofits that enhance a sense of place, art, and community. This year will be no different in that EDSLCS will encourage would-be patrons to visit participating vendors as well as supporting Utah Food Bank.

In former years, the dazzling event showcased the city's vibrant food scene with seasonal fare from leading local restaurants and purveyors, a selection of over 100 wines from an international assortment of family-owned wineries, craft cocktails from small-batch distilleries, and craft beers—all enjoyed throughout the cool, green grounds of Tracy Aviary. Now, as the previously scheduled July 8, 2020 EDSLCS joins the heartbreaking list of major events cancellations, organizers have pivoted to make the best of the situation while supporting the community.

“For the past 5 years, Eat Drink SLC has been a celebration of the coming of age of SLC as a culinary hot spot celebrating this passionate, hard-working, creative community. This year with the effects of the COVID pandemic, we feel even stronger the need to not only applaud but to support all facets of this resilient industry.” said Vine Lore President, Tracey Thompson. “In addition to encouraging guests to visit EDSLCS food and drink partners, we are donating to Utah Food Bank where more and more families—including those of restaurant employees—are depending on basic food needs.”

EDSLCS's co-founder and presenting Drink Curator, [Vine Lore Wine & Spirits](#) is matching up to \$10,000 in donations to Utah Food Bank. **Patrons can contribute to the donation match at www.eatdrinkslc.com**

“Utah Food Bank appreciates the creative way that Eat Drink SLC is turning around the misfortune of cancelled social events to benefit the many Utahns who are now facing hunger for similar reasons,” said Ginette Bott, Utah Food Bank President & CEO. “Their industry has been hit hard by economic fallout from the pandemic, and despite this, they have found a way to give back to our community, a clear indicator that we are all truly stronger together.”

In addition to their donation and rallying sponsors and other EDSLCL participants to join in donating to Utah Food Bank, EDSLCL’s digital campaign will encourage Utah food and wine lovers to support local food and drink purveyors, restaurants, and bars. For a complete list of Eat Drink SLC participants and their current operating hours, [visit here](#).

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