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## Many ways to celebrate love, eating for charity, and tiny bubbles

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### ■ Philanthropic Foodies

The Carmel Foundation's construction of a new 14-unit housing complex on Dolores Street for low-income seniors is well under way, but the nonprofit still has another \$1.5 million to raise to meet the project's \$3.5 million goal. Chef Kurt Grasing, chef/owner of the Carmel Chop House, will host a fundraising dinner there for the Trevvett Court project Thursday, Jan. 28. That night, Wells Fargo Bank will present a check for \$35,000 to the foundation.

The Philanthropic Foodies fundraiser will feature "an exceptional gourmet dinner paired with fine wines from local vintners," according to Aimee Cuda, development manager for the foundation.

The menu includes hors d'oeuvres of potato croquettes, truffle mac 'n' cheese and deconstructed paella; dinner of dungeness crab cocktail with avocado and mango, and braised duck with mushrooms, pearl onions and pancetta over fettuccine; and dessert of caramel apple bread pudding with vanilla ice cream and cider glaze. Figge Cellars Chardonnay, McIntyre Chardonnay, Silvestri Pinot Noir and Graff Family Vineyards July Muscat will be featured.

The reception will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner following at 7, and the cost to attend is \$100 per person. The Chop House is located at San Carlos and Fifth. For more information, contact Cuda at [acuda@carmelfoundation.org](mailto:acuda@carmelfoundation.org) or (831) 624-1588 ext. 45.