

2024 GOURMET FEASTIVAL

# Tropical Nights

A TRIBUTE TO JIMMY BUFFETT



The Helen Gordon Davis  
**Centre For Women**  
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THURSDAY, AUG. 1, 2024 ✨ HIGGINS HALL ✨ TAMPA

SHOWCASE YOUR RESTAURANT

*"There's More than a Cheeseburger in Paradise"*



## ✿ EVENT DETAILS ✿

**THURSDAY,  
AUG. 1, 2024  
5:00-8:30 PM  
HIGGINS HALL TAMPA**

*Not a Parish-Sponsored Event*



- **HIGGINS HALL**  
5225 N. Himes Ave., Tampa  
Plenty of parking and easy access for vendors.  
***Space is limited so reserve your table today!***
- The Gourmet Festival is a signature event featuring food samples, spirits and beverages from Tampa Bay's finest restaurants, caterers and beverage distributors.

### ***THE TASTIEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!***

- Expected Attendance: 1,000  
(prepare samples for 250-300)
- All proceeds benefit The Helen Gordon Davis Centre for Women, a non-profit 501 (c)(3)
- No Shirts. No Shoes. No Way!!  
Attire: Resort wear or Tropical Attire

# Participant Guidelines

## PRESENTATION AND SAMPLING:

- We provide the booth, you as a participant provide sample-size servings of your favorite dish or beverage.  
(Please note: Alcohol samplings are limited to two ounces per guest.)
- Plates, paper products and eating utensils **WILL BE PROVIDED** at each booth.
- Participants are encouraged to decorate their booths and display their menus and information.

■ **PLEASE BE READY TO RECEIVE GUESTS BY 4:30 P.M. FOOD SERVICE IS FROM 5- 8:30 PM.**

- **At 5 p.m.** promptly, we will have our VIP guests enter the ballroom. **At 6 p.m.**, we will open the ballroom to all guests. Please remember to wait until 8:30 p.m. before closing down your booth.

## STAFFING:

- Participants are responsible for providing adequate number of staff personnel to set up, tear down and operate their booths during the event.
- Each vendor is permitted to have up to 5 staff members per booth. Please instruct your staff to sign in at Vendor Check-In prior to entering the event.
- **Set up will begin at noon. PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE YOUR BOOTH SET-UP NO LATER THAN 4:30 PM AS OUR VIP RECEPTION BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 5 PM.**

- **PLEASE BRING ALL NECESSARY CARTS, DOLLIES ETC. FOR TRANSPORT OF YOUR EQUIPMENT AND FOOD/BEVERAGES.**

## LAYOUT/BOOTH SPACE:

- We will follow-up with you via email or by phone after we receive your participation form.
- Two (2) six-foot tables are provided for display of samples, menus, etc. Front table skirted, back table draped with linen.
- **NO PROPANE CAN BE USED** but you may use butane. Please provide your own extension cords. **You must bring a fire extinguisher if you are using sterno or butane.**
- Limited booths with electricity. Available on a first-come basis.  
*Please mark as needing electricity.*

## QUESTIONS?

### CONTACT:

2024 Gourmet Festival Restaurant Chair

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# YES, COUNT US IN!

Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024 | Higgins Hall

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Restaurant/Company Name (as you want it to appear in the program):

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook \_\_\_\_\_ Twitter \_\_\_\_\_ Instagram \_\_\_\_\_

Restaurant Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add below a description as you would like it to appear in the event program. Attach additional pages if necessary. If you participated last year, please indicate "SAME AS LAST YEAR" if you would like us to use the description from 2023

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Hours of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_ Will you need electricity for your booth?  Yes  No

Authorizing Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Solicitor \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail, fax or email this form to:

Attn: Alina Escarpanter | The Centre for Women | 305 S. Hyde Park Avenue | Tampa, FL 33606  
Tel: 813-251-8437 ext. 225 | FAX: 813-251-0697 | Email: [aescarpanter@thecentre.org](mailto:aescarpanter@thecentre.org)

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