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Scores Gather to Support INMED's Fight for Healthy Children and Bright Futures

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Scores gathered recently for a Dinner for a Food Cause, an elegant dinner and silent auction at the [be Restaurant at Patowmack Farm \(http://www.patowmackfarm.com/\)](#) in Lovettsville, VA. They were there to support [INMED Partnerships for Children \(http://www.inmed.org/\)](#), a local organization that's making a international difference. INMED is a nonprofit development organization that rescues children arou world from immediate and irreversible harm and prepares them for a brighter future.

INMED was founded in 1986 by Dr. Linda Pfeiffer, a pioneer in the formation of collaborative and worldwide public-private partnerships. INMED focuses on underdeveloped areas and strives to make opportunities that inspire hope, build self-reliance, and encourage community collaboration for posi change. To do this, INMED uses a broad range of health, social, education, violence prevention, and community development programs. With projects presently in [Los Angeles \(http://www.inmed.org/work/california.htm\)](#), [Loudoun County \(http://www.inmed.org/work/virginia.htm\)](#), [Brazil \(http://www.inmed.org/work/brazil.htm\)](#), [Peru \(http://www.inmed.org/work/peru.htm\)](#), [Tobago \(http://www.inmed.org/work/caribbean.htm\)](#), [Jamaica \(http://www.inmed.org/work/caribbean.htm\)](#), and [South Afr \(http://www.inmed.org/work/southafrica.htm\)](#), INMED and its team is dedicated to making a difference. An the energy and determination that resides within this small, but powerful, organization, there's no dc

that INMED will continue to create change all around the world. Indeed, when I met Dr. Pfeiffer at the Dinner, she'd just flown in that morning after having worked in the field in South Africa.

There, INMED and its partners are working—through the Healthy Futures South Africa program—to improve the nutritional status of approximately 10,600 school children ages 5-14 in the community of Orange Farm in Gauteng Province, which is near Johannesburg. In South Africa, many children receive one meal per day, the one they get at school. By focusing on improving the nutritional traits of that single daily meal, INMED is helping Orange Farm children and their families.

The Dinner for a Food Cause, as the event was dubbed, was a success thanks to the collaborative efforts of many. Beverly Morton Billand, owner of [The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm](http://www.patowmackfarm.com) (<http://www.patowmackfarm.com>) first envisioned the concept of offering up her farm's produce and restaurant for important philanthropic causes. Events like this one for INMED's benefit are all part of her vision for her farm and restaurant.

Likewise, the fare, which was an elegant five-course farm-to-table meal, was made possible through the volunteer efforts of local chefs through the [Loudoun Area Chefs Collaborative](http://www.facebook.com/people/Loudoun-Area-Chefs-Collaborative/100001251180347#%21/profile.php?id=10000125118)

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The participating chefs—Christopher Edwards ([The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm](http://www.patowmackfarm.com)

(<http://www.patowmackfarm.com>), Aaron McCloud ([Vintage Restaurant Group](http://vintagerestaurantgroup.com)

(<http://vintagerestaurantgroup.com>), Patrick Dinh ([Tuscarora Mill](http://www.tuskies.com) (<http://www.tuskies.com>), and Mark Mo

([Magnolia's at The Mill Restaurant](http://www.magnoliasmill.com) (<http://www.magnoliasmill.com>))—all volunteered their time for the event.

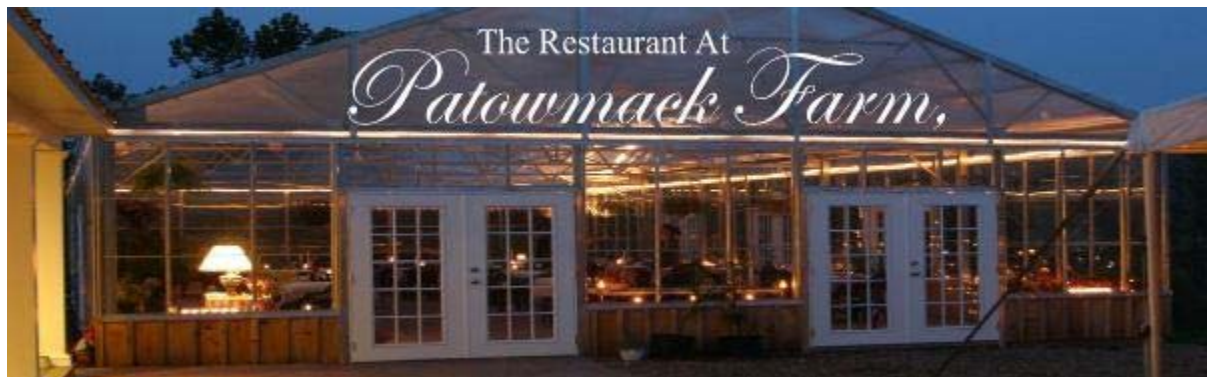
The evening's wait staff—all Vintage employees—also volunteered, and a myriad of beverages and wines were provided courtesy of [Catocin Creek Distillery](http://www.catocinreekdistilling.com) (<http://www.catocinreekdistilling.com>) and [Tarara Winery](http://www.tarara.com)

(<http://www.tarara.com>).

The Dinner's success was rooted in the collective philanthropic efforts of many. And that shouldn't be a surprise, I suppose, since INMED—the evening's beneficiary—operates on that very notion: craft meaningful change through smart and capable partnerships.

To learn more about INMED Partnerships for Children, please visit <http://www.INMED.org>

(<http://www.inmed.org>). To give to INMED, please click [here](http://www.inmed.org/youcanhelp/index.htm) (<http://www.inmed.org/youcanhelp/index.htm>).



The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm



Beautifully set tables awaited guests who enjoyed elegant farm-to-table meals.



INMED is an international nonprofit development organization based in Ashburn, VA.



Chefs from the Loudoun Area Chefs Collaborative volunteered their time for the event.



Beverages and wine were provided by Catocin Creek Distillery and Tarara Winery.

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