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CRN's Iron Bartender to Feature Top Bartenders and One Supreme Cocktail

Competing bartenders from Clyde Common, Laurelhurst Market, Beaker & Flask and Carlyle will compete to see which cocktail reigns supreme

Portland, OR – January 7, 2010- Children's Relief Nursery, a Portland-based non-profit organization with the mission of preventing abuse and neglect of children from birth through age four, is pleased to announce their second annual Iron Bartender event will be held at the Jupiter Hotel on January 21, 2010 from 6:30-9 p.m.

Plans are under way to make this event the toast of the town for more than 300 young Portland professionals. Iron Bartender 2010 will mix a room full of hipsters with four of Portland's top bartenders competing to see who can make the best cocktail. The four mixologists will compete by creating their signature drink while guests vote for their drink of choice. The final segment of the competition is based on a surprise ingredient introduced moments before the competition. The competition will be hosted by KGW's Drew Carney and the final votes will be cast by an esteemed panel of judges, including: Lucy Brennan of Mint, Jen Boelts of Imbibe Magazine and Lee Medoff of House Spirits Distillery. The winning bartender will be heralded as the 2010 Iron Bartender.

Neil Kopplin of Clyde Common, Evan Zimmerman of Laurelhurst Market, Jacob Grier of Carlyle and Elizabeth Markham of Beaker & Flask will be the bartenders creating a stir as to who will win 2010's competition.

In addition to the competition on-stage, guests will have the opportunity to sample and vote for their favorite cocktail while enjoying sumptuous hors d'oeuvres from Bon Appétit and buying raffle tickets for a chance at adventure and luxury baskets.

"Iron Bartender enables us to introduce the Nursery to supporters in a fun and casual environment," says Chris Otis, Executive Director, Children's Relief Nursery. "It's been a tough year for a lot of our families and this event helps us widen our circle of influence to Portland's young professionals."

Sponsors of the event include [Knowledge Universe](#), [Weir's Cyclery](#), [PacifiCorp](#), [House Spirits Distillery](#), [Bon Appétit](#) and the [Faye & Lucille Stewart Foundation](#).

For more information please visit www.crn4kids.org and click on the Iron Bartender event details on the homepage to purchase tickets to the event.

About Children's Relief Nursery:

Our Mission is to prevent abuse and neglect in children birth through four by partnering with caregivers committed to strengthening their families. We provide services to families with challenging life circumstances. Our emphasis is on secure, safe and stable parent child relationships and the social/emotional well-being of the youngest and most vulnerable of children. We have a range of services which include therapeutic classrooms, respite care, parenting classes, music and art curriculums, mental health intervention (infant-toddler mental health and Child Parent Psychotherapy), home visiting, intensive case management, child development and family risk factor assessments.