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Donor Gala at the Honey Paw

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Delicious hors d'oeuvres, sumptuous wine and local beers will be on tap along with celebrating a great cause at the Honey Paw, one of Portland's newest hotspots.

The Honey Paw will host the annual donor gala for Partners for Rural Health in the Dominican Republic (PRHDR) a Portland-based non-profit organization that sends nursing students and medical and non-medical volunteers to offer healthcare clinics in remote areas of the DR on a biannual basis.

The gala will take place on May 24th at 5.30 pm. Tickets cost \$50. The Honey Paw is located at 78 Middle Street in Portland.

"We are indebted to our donors who have freely supported PRHDR this past year," says PRHDR President Whitney Lutz. "Without their vital support, we could not help those who have such great need or be able to invest in educating Maine's future healthcare workers. It is our honor to thank them."

Since 1995, more than 1,000 nursing students, medical and non-medical volunteers have participated in PRHDR trips. Medical clinics staffed by students and volunteers take place in isolated villages located in the mountains of the Dominican Republic, that are often accessible only by foot. In many cases, this is the only healthcare village residents receive. Meanwhile, the PRHDR experience is an opportunity for students and volunteers to learn about global health in a developing country, while sharing their skills with those less fortunate.

The gala will combine a fantastic cause with fabulous cuisine, as The Honey Paw is the latest venture for renowned Portland restaurateurs Andrew Taylor, Mike Wiley and Arlin Smith. Chefs Taylor and Wiley are currently semifinalists in the Best Chef in the Northeast category for the prestigious James Beard Award recognizing the nation's best cuisine.

Partners for Rural Health in the Dominican Republic is a 501©3 registered organization that aims to offer transformative learning opportunities for future healthcare leaders in Maine and beyond through working closely with underserved communities to improve health in the Dominican Republic. PRHDR envisions powerful global health experience for students and volunteers and consistent, quality health care and strong partnerships in Dominican communities.

Photos and videos of PRHDR's work in the Dominican Republic are available upon request.

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