

Table For



DUANE KELLER
Celebrity Executive Chef
Sodexo



Beginning his journey working in the Kitchens of greats such as Gerhard Ehler of Vancouver, Chef Keller has gone on to become one of the premiere chefs in the Washington D.C. Metro Area. In the kitchen, experience speaks for itself, and Chef Keller has it in spades. With more than 25 years of experience in offering exceptional cuisine at fine-dining establishments, from the tables of presidents to tables of four, Chef Keller strives to create memorable experiences wherever he cooks.

Dedicated to his creative process and armed with expansive culinary knowledge, Chef Keller works tirelessly to push the envelope and deliver the best service possible. Introducing the techniques of classic European kitchens to new ingredients, Keller's repertoire is ever-evolving-- a practice that has earned him great renown and international recognition; including the James Beard Foundation Certificate, the DiRona Award (Sarasota, FL), the Gold Spoon Award (Four Star Delta Bow Inn, Calgary), the Red Seal Award (Emerald Park, Vancouver), the Wine Spectator Award, and the C.C.A. Chef of the Year Award. His pursuit of excellence is relentless. As Chef Duane likes to put it: "You're only as good as the last dish you put out."

In addition to these honors, Chef Keller has shared his creations with esteemed patrons, he has helped Julia Child celebrate her 90'th birthday, he has served his creations to four presidents, and at multiple inaugurations. He is frequently listed in Washingtonian Magazine as one of DC area's top chefs, appearing in their "Top 100," "Top 50," and "Best Brunches," in addition to his feature in Gourmet Magazine during his tenure as Head Chef at the 17th century Ashby Inn in Paris, Virginia.

"Every 34 Minutes"

From the first ever wish, Chris' wish back in 1980, to this year's 500,000th [The Walt Disney Company](#) wish, [Make-A-Wish America](#) has granted a much needed [#Wish](#) every 34 minutes. This is the "spark" that helps kids believe and gives them the strength to keep fighting.

As a [#cancer #survivor](#) myself... I know that feeling and as a longtime Make a Wish donor I'm excited that I got the call from [Kristin Martin](#) to [#giveback](#) by participating in this year's 14th annual [#TableForTen](#), one of the USA's top Culinary Events to benefit the Make A Wish Foundation