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TASTE, SIP AND GIVE BACK: 3 MUST-ATTEND FALL EVENTS

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Whether indulging on a selection of small bites or sampling some of Arizona's finest wines, giving back has never tasted so good. As the weather cools, delicious giving opportunities designed to benefit some of the Valley's most impacting nonprofit organizations will be hot, hot, hot!

With so many great, upcoming fall events, we had to narrow it down. Here's some of the tastiest bites:

A Bite for Kids

Taste, sip and socialize with Arizona's best chefs and restaurateurs for the [8th annual Phoenix Cooks](#) celebration at [The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa](#). This special event, taking place all day on September 1, 2012, will include everything from chef demonstrations and cooking classes to raffles and celebrity cooking challenges, with all proceeds benefiting the [Phoenix Children's Hospital](#). Not hungry? Take a sip from 30 wine sampling booths, or try some beer from the Alaskan Brewing Company. A best bet for fun — my personal cooking workshop at 2 p.m., which will focus on simple sushi recipes you can make at home. You can [purchase your tickets here](#).

A Bite for Breasts

It is the pinkest party Scottsdale has ever seen! On Wednesday, September 12, Sapporo is pleased to be partnering with Belvedere Vodka to host the first-ever **Breast of Scottsdale**, benefiting the Arizona Institute for Breast Health (AIBH). During this special event, the community is invited to dress in their pink best and sip and sample sumptuous pink-themed food and drink menu items while enjoying great music, interactive photography and other

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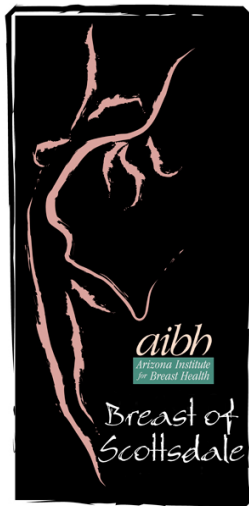
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surprises. A portion of the proceeds from these items, which will be officially available throughout October at [Sapporo Scottsdale](#), will benefit Arizona Institute for Breast Health and its critical mission to offer Arizona women diagnosed with breast cancer a second opinion on their treatment options, completely free of charge. All proceeds from this event will benefit the organization's Pink Light District. Pink attire is requested, and there will be prizes for the most fabulous, creative and innovative pink fashions of the night. The cost to attend is a \$25 donation to the organization, which can be made by visiting AIBH's website.



A Bite for Pat

On Friday, November 9, we at Sapporo are so proud to sponsor the [Weekend Jetaway](#)! This event, focused on raising funds for the [Pat Tillman Foundation](#) and [Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale](#), respectively, will feature live music, culinary creations from leading Valley chefs (ahem!), cocktails and casino games in a private jet hangar within the Scottsdale Airpark.

In addition to sampling special treats from our and other leading chef's fall menus, during the event guests will have the chance to win several fabulous prizes, including the grand prize — a luxurious all-inclusive, first-class trip on a private jet.

"It is through the generosity of our donors that we are able to directly impact the lives of Tillman Military Scholars by providing the financial and educational resources needed to prevent undeserved debt, increase economic stability and establish a foundation for greater career opportunities," said Marie Tillman.

To purchase tickets, please visit the [Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale's website](#).

Other events to chew on in coming months include: [Taste of Hope](#), [Corks & Chords](#), [Dine Out with the Chefs](#), [Play All Night](#), [Russo and Steele](#), and [AZ Wine & Dine](#).

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With nearly 20 years in the food and beverage industry (the past 14 being in Arizona), chef Stromberg has worked his way up the restaurant ranks — from dishwasher, to waiter, to executive chef and everything in between. As executive chef of Sapporo, his day-to-day activities include overseeing all aspects of food preparation and execution, along with morning prep, lunch and dinner service, ordering, inventory and table-side chats with guests.

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