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Chocolate Sweetens Awareness for Drop-Out Prevention

Charleston, S.C. - The 22nd annual *Chocolate Affair*, sponsored by Piggly Wiggly Carolina Co., will be held on Saturday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Charleston Marriott Crystal Ballroom on Lockwood Blvd. in Downtown Charleston. Tickets for this event are \$100 per person or \$185 per couple.

This year will feature Fritz Knipschildt, a Chocolatier recognized by the *Food Network*[®] and *Oprah Magazine* for his high standards of excellence in creating chocolate masterpieces.

The Chocolate Affair gala and auction supports Communities In Schools (CIS) of the Charleston Area, Inc. CIS was established in Charleston County to address the dropout crisis. Since its inception in 1989, CIS has steadily grown and now serves more than 10,700 students and their families in 23 schools across Charleston and Berkeley counties.

Gourmet catering and a full collection of fine spirits, including chocolate martinis, tantalize even the most discriminating palate. Live entertainment and over 150 auction items are also a featured part of this event. Guests are sure to find auction items for every budget and style.

The evening is made possible by Piggly Wiggly and our corporate sponsors: AMCS, Apex Broadcasting, AT&T, Blackbaud, CSX, Elliott Davis, FOX Sports South, Indoor Woodworking, Kinder Morgan, Modulant, Park Sterling Bank, Roper St. Francis Healthcare, The Sherman Agency and Yarborough Applegate.

Tickets may be purchased by calling 740-6793 or by visiting www.thechocolateaffair.net. For more information about Communities In Schools, visit www.cischarleston.org.

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