First Call is thrilled to host the Celebration Evening for the first time since 2019. The Celebration Evening is First Call’s signature fundraiser featuring dinner, a live auction and a premier speaker on the topic of addiction and recovery. This year’s event will feature a conversation with Chef Gregory Gourdet about his personal journey to recovery. In addition to increasing awareness about First Call and substance use disorder, the Celebration Evening raises funds for core mission support of First Call recovery and prevention services.

ABOUT GREGORY GOURDET
Gregory Gourdet is a celebrated chef, best-selling author, and television personality. He is best known for his award-winning cuisine, bevy of TV appearances, and trendsetting role in the culinary boom of Portland.

He was named “Chef of the Year” by both Eater Portland and the Oregon Department of Agriculture, and is a James Beard Award nominee and two-time Bravo Top Chef finalist. Gregory ran the kitchen at Portland’s Departure Restaurant + Lounge for 10 years, leaving in 2019 to focus on opening Kann. Gregory sees food as nourishment and is committed to moving the restaurant industry forward in a sustainable and equitable way.

After a seven-year battle with addiction, Gregory got sober in 2009 and has been a vocal advocate for recovery ever since. Through Alcoholics Anonymous and Ben’s Friends, he has been able to work closely with the recovery community. He hopes that by continually sharing his story, others will be inspired to seek recovery just as people in recovery inspired him to start his own journey.

ABOUT FIRST CALL
It is the mission of First Call to reduce the impact of alcohol, drugs and addiction by providing quality resources to individuals, families and the community. Founded in 1958, First Call services impact nearly 9,000 individuals a year.

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