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MILLENNIUM CHEF GRAND PRIZE

Johnson City - Imagine having a Master Chef come to your home to prepare an extraordinary meal for you and seven friends. That is exactly what the highest bidder at the Mountain States Foundation Annual Spirit Gala received as their grand prize.

The Millennium Centre, 2001 Millennium Place, Johnson City, TN donated their Master Chef, Jean-Claude Seruga just for an auction to benefit the Niswonger Children's Hospital. A bidding for the chef finally ended with a record setting bid of \$2,500 – the largest ever received war for the prize. Total donations for the evening topped \$68,000.

The winners, Bill and Marcy Walker were part of a group of 350 dignitaries who attended the event. Representative Jason Mumpower, Mayor Jayne Myron, and Commissioners Marcy Walker and Stephen Darden were also in attendance.

The Millennium Centre, a property managed by Sodexo Conferencing, hosts conferences, training sessions, meetings and social events. The Centre's General Manager, Ken Misterly commented after the party, *"We often donate the Chef's services this way. The winners love it, and it always goes to support a very worthy cause. Besides,"* he continued, *" he just loves doing it."*

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