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**Birthday Blessings**  
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**May 17 dinner at Chima Brazillian Steakhouse to benefit Birthday Blessings**  
*Guys With Ties invites Charlotteans to help celebrate the lives of homeless children*

**(Charlotte, NC, May 3, 2010)** - Take an adventure in dining in Uptown Charlotte at [Chima Brazillian Steakhouse](#) on May 17 to support [Birthday Blessings](#), an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that has celebrated the lives of more than 1,000 homeless children since its founding in 2005.

For every reservation made under [Guys With Ties](#), 20% of each check goes to Birthday Blessings. Free dessert included. Call 704.601.4141 for reservations.

Guys With Ties is a Charlotte nonprofit organization that was founded in 2006 by five men seeking to enrich the Charlotte community through social events targeted at the young professional community that raise money and awareness for deserving charities in the Charlotte area. This is the second event Guys with Ties has sponsored for Birthday Blessings.

Said Birthday Blessings volunteer executive director, Amy Cervantes: "We are delighted that Guys With Ties is spearheading this dining fundraiser to benefit Birthday Blessings. They are a passionate and dedicated group to work with. Their efforts, coupled with the community's support, will help us continue to expand and fund our programming so we can positively impact the lives of even more homeless children and families, as well as raise awareness about the effects of homelessness."

A Child's Place, a nonprofit partner of Birthday Blessings, estimates that there are approximately 3,000 children enrolled in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools who are homeless.

Birthday Blessings was founded in 2005 by Charlotte couple Amy and John Cervantes, and has celebrated 1,126 birthdays to date. The all-volunteer nonprofit currently serves 11 homeless facilities and programs across Mecklenburg, Union, York and Cabarrus counties, as well as homeless elementary and middle school students throughout Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. The organization also provides Blessing Baskets filled with care essentials to homeless mothers to welcome and support the arrival of their babies.

Birthday Blessings began launching a national expansion program in 2009, with pilot affiliate chapters now getting under way in northeast Indiana; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Atlanta, Georgia.

For more information, go to [www.birthdayblessings.org](http://www.birthdayblessings.org), [www.guyswithtiescharlotte.com](http://www.guyswithtiescharlotte.com) and [www.chima.cc](http://www.chima.cc).

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