FOUNDATION FOR THE CAROLINAS

José Andrés | 2019 Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker

José Andrés

2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 2, 2019
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Charlotte Convention Center

Sponsorship information:
Susan Gray
704.973.4588
annualmeeting@fftc.org

Named one of Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People" in both 2012 and 2018 and awarded "Outstanding Chef" and "Humanitarian of the Year" by the James Beard Foundation, José Andrés is an internationally recognized culinary innovator, author, educator, television personality, humanitarian and chef/owner of ThinkFoodGroup.

A pioneer of Spanish tapas in the United States, he is also known for his groundbreaking avant-garde cuisine and his award-winning group of 31 restaurants, plus a food truck, located throughout the country, as well as in Mexico City and the Bahamas. José Andrés is the only chef globally that has both a two-star Michelin restaurant and four Bib Gourmands.

Andrés is a committed advocate of food and hunger issues and is known for championing the role of chefs in the national debate on food policy. In 2012, Andrés formed World Central Kitchen, a nonprofit that provides smart solutions to hunger and poverty by using the power of food to empower communities and strengthen economies. Most notably, World Central Kitchen, along with #ChefsForPuertoRico, served more than 3.5 million meals to the people of Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria. In September 2018, Chef Andrés and World Central Kitchen responded to Hurricane Florence victims in the Carolinas, feeding first responders and those affected by the storm.

Andrés' work has earned awards and distinctions including the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award from International Association of Culinary Professionals and the 2015 National Humanities Medal. Andrés was also named EY Master Entrepreneur of the Year in Greater Washington for his leadership and impact on the global business community and received the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's Chair's Medallion Award.

FFTC 2019 ANNUAL MEETING