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ATHENS, GA—The annual Athens Tour of Kitchens (and Tastes!) returns for its 16th year, giving area residents a unique and memorable look into exquisite kitchens in Athens' historic Cobbham-Boulevard neighborhoods. The tour is set for Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the tour.

The tour, presented by the Georgia Children's Chorus, includes live demonstrations (and Tastes!) by area chefs from Marti's at Midday, Phickles Pickles, Lindsey's Culinary, as well as Jill Shoop, who will prepare recipes from the children's chorus cookbook which will be on sale the day of the tour. Music will be provided at each home, and the Georgia Children's Chorus will perform a special outdoor concert on the lawn of Young Harris Memorial Methodist Church at noon. The tour also includes wine/beverage pairing recommendations, a GCC cookbook, and opportunities to win amazing raffle prizes.

Kitchens on tour this year include the homes of University of Georgia's Drs. Laura Bierma and Mark Ebell; St. Mary's emergency room Dr. Lewis Earnest; textile designer Susan Hable and husband, attorney Peter Smith; builder and developer Tom Ellis and his wife real estate broker Susan Chastain Ellis; local artist Susan McCallum and husband attorney Michael Keene; software executive Tom Riddle and his wife April; and scientist Brian and biopharmaceutical rep Rachel Irwin.

The annual Tour (and Tastes!) of Kitchens has become one of Athens most popular spring events. It serves as the primary fundraising source for the Georgia Children's Chorus, a 100-voice choir comprised of children 8-18 years of age from the 13 surrounding Athens area counties. The Georgia Children's Chorus began in 1998 to provide choral musical instruction and singing opportunities to children from a broad socio-economic spectrum which includes need-based scholarships. The chorus performs for various community groups in the area, has a summer touring program which has included trips to Charleston, West Virginia and New York City. The chorus also makes appearances in UGA Music School

productions, assists the UGA athletic program in recycling efforts following home football games to raise money and performs two major concerts a year at the UGA Performing Arts Center.

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$20 at Appointments at Five, Plain Jane Designs, Sunshine Village Art Gallery in Watkinsville, or online at GeorgiaChildrensChorus.org/Tour-of-Kitchens. The tour will begin at The Healing Lodge at Athens Regional Medical Center, 240 Talmadge Drive, Athens. Parking is offered at that location and shuttle service to the various homes is available. Day of Tour tickets will be sold at the starting point for \$25 each. More information on the Georgia Children's Chorus, or the Tour of Kitchens, is available via email at gcc@uga.edu or 706-714-6491.