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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## JUNIPER RESTAURANT HOSTS BENEFIT TO HELP WILDFIRE VICTIMS

TULSA, OK, August 16, 2012 — Juniper Restaurant in downtown Tulsa and owner Justin Thompson will be hosting a 7-course wine dinner MONDAY, AUGUST 27 at 6:00pm that will benefit the Tulsa Area Chapter of the American Red Cross and its efforts to help those affected by the recent wildfires. The dinner was organized by Juniper's sous chef Paul Wilson and fellow Juniper employee Greg Dinnoni. The two are coowners of 1765, a new restaurant that is slated to open downtown next year.

The stories of how brutal wildfires destroyed homes and devastated families hit especially close to home for Chef Wilson. Originally from New Orleans, his life was changed forever because of another natural disaster – Hurricane Katrina.

"I know first-hand how quickly everyday life can be changed by something like this," said Wilson, "after going through it all myself, I am just glad I can do something to give back."

Because of generous donations of food and wine from local companies, the wait staff who are volunteering and the chefs who will be preparing the meal, 100% of proceeds from the dinner will go directly to the American Red Cross so they can help the many families devastated by the Oklahoma wildfires with disaster relief. So not only can you enjoy masterfully prepared cuisine, you are also reaching out to those in our community that need help.

There will be a champagne toast at 6:00pm and dinner will begin at 6:30pm. The 7-course meal, including wine pairings, is only \$100. There will also be a silent auction to raise funds for the Red Cross's efforts. Reservations are limited, so make your reservation today by calling 918-794-1090.

WHAT: Wildfire Relief Wine Dinner

Hosted by Juniper Restaurant & Martini Lounge

WHO: Benefitting Tulsa Area Chapter of the American Red Cross

WHEN: Monday, August 27, 2012

Champagne Toast – 6:00pm; Dinner Begins – 6:30pm

\$100/Person

WHERE: Juniper Restaurant & Martini Lounge 324 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Tulsa, OK 74120 (918) 794-1090