



## **TOMASO MAGGIORE CULINARY ARTS FOUNDATION**

Growing up, we consistently get asked the age-old question: “What do you want to be when you grow up?” An astronaut? A rockstar? What about a chef?

Someone who provides the one thing that bonds us all together. Someone who carefully, strategically and thoughtfully crafts an experience for you and your loved ones to laugh over, connect over — wouldn't that be a legendary, rewarding path?

A young boy from Bagheria, Sicily, came to America with not a lot of money, but a whole lot of dreams. Dreams of bringing Italian cuisine to America. A dream of sharing his family heritage and story through his one main passion. Did you think I was going to say food? Understandable, but no. His passion? People.

Tomaso Maggiore was not only a culinary legend but also an extraordinary person. Tomaso dedicated his life to the culinary industry because the joy he brought to those he served was his greatest reward. He ensured that his Italian heritage was at the forefront of everything he created in his restaurants. Tomaso was involved in his community and gave back to those in need.

Having been where he was, to growing the empire he did, he understood the steep mountain climb it took to get there. His heart being as big as it was, he decided one of his main missions was to help those in similar situations. He would bring in those from Italy who desired to walk the same path into America. He dedicated his time to teaching them, coaching them, housing them — giving them the opportunity to step into the true culinary journey of their dreams. Due to Tomaso's selflessness and compassion to those passionate prodigies, this led the family's inception of The Tomaso Maggiore Culinary Arts Foundation, in honor of their greatest role model.

### **ABOUT**

The Foundation is a support in helping create the path for aspiring chefs to make their dreams a reality — for those who, like Tomaso, are not traditionally presented with the opportunity. This is all possible through developing educational partnerships to act as the conduit for the funds raised for scholarships and certification programs. With this, scholarships are provided to students pursuing accredited certification and degree programs in the Culinary Arts.

### **OUR MISSION**

To provide cultural immersion and educational opportunities for culinary excellence is our mission to aspiring chefs. We are a force in striving to continuously create a path to new, endless culinary horizons. With your help and generosity, The Foundation can provide scholarships to students pursuing accredited certification and degree programs in Culinary Arts, to then ensure the dream will become a reality.



## TOMASO MAGGIORE

The young boy from Sicily who grew up to take a bite of the world, became the memorable chef and our legendary inspiration for this foundation.

For over 40 years, his restaurant, Tomaso's, was a destination restaurant in the Central Camelback Corridor in Phoenix, Arizona. As an Italian-born and trained culinary expert, Chef Tomaso Maggiore's mission has always been to integrate customs that are historically Italian but have taken their own identity in America — he recognized centuries of old relationships America has with Italy and the vibrant Italian American culture, and the generational story was told in every dish. His menu was passionately crafted and sparked by a commitment to Italian culinary excellence. Through his frequent travels to Italy, Tomaso created a fresh approach to authentic Italian cuisine. He used the finest ingredients, innovative recipes and the latest techniques to incorporate the true essence of Italy in every bite.

This was his identity to a lot of people; however, Tomaso was more than a chef — he was more than a title added to his name, he was more than the food you would enjoy. He was an infectious light to all who encountered him, a teacher, an encourager, husband, father, grandfather, friend — he lived a full life and always kept those around him full.

His presence will always be here because his impact and legacy are of that magnitude, and he will continue to live on through his family, the food you eat today and this foundation.

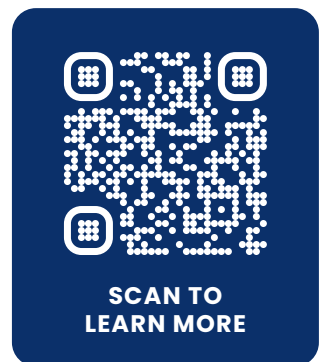
## OUR PARTNERS



## TOMASO MAGGIORE CULINARY ARTS FOUNDATION INAUGURAL LEGACY GALA

**OCTOBER 12, 2024 • PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are available starting at \$4,000 up to \$30,000. To become a sponsor or to learn more, please call LoriAnn Harnish at 480-695-8854 or email [LoriAnn@tomasomaggiorecaf.com](mailto:LoriAnn@tomasomaggiorecaf.com)



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The story of The Tomaso Maggiore Culinary Arts Foundation is a personal one for me. Chef Tomaso was my father, friend and culinary mentor. He shared his abounding love for creating unforgettable culinary experiences for his guests, by presenting and serving cuisine with the highest standards of hospitality. Through this, he was able to curate loyal, long-term business relationships.

The Foundation's purpose is to perpetuate and honour his Italian ancestry and keep those traditions alive —this was Chef Tomaso's vision and dream.

Today, I am inviting you to be a part of continuing that vision, by being a Sponsor for The Tomaso Maggiore Culinary Arts Foundation's 501(c)(3) Inaugural Legacy Gala.

The Legacy Gala will be held on October 12, 2024, at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona. Celebrate and honour Chef Tomaso's passion for cultural and culinary heritage with your commitment. This gala will raise the funds to provide financial support for a variety of culinary education programs, international emersion programs and student scholarships.

The Foundation is proud to announce educational alliances are in place with the C-CAP (High School Culinary Arts Program), Scottsdale Community College, and Northern Arizona University. These partnerships will allow the Foundation to help foster culinary professionalism and thus, improve the lives of culinary students and the companies that employ them.

Northern Arizona University (NAU) allows junior and senior level students in the Culinary Arts Program to apply for an annual full-year tuition scholarship. Using agreed metrics, NAU will select the junior and senior student who meets those benchmarks and receive the scholarships. The Tomaso Maggiore Culinary Arts Foundation, with your generosity and support, will fund these annual scholarships.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please join me by investing in the future of the culinary industry!

Sponsorship information is enclosed. Should you have any questions, please reach out to the foundation team — they can assist you to customize and maximize your company's goals and support.

Chef Tomaso left us his inheritance, passing down his passion and entrusting us with the importance of preserving historic and cultural values for generations to come.

Together, let us preserve, protect, innovate and educate the culinary arts!

Sincerely,

Joey Maggiore  
President

## **TOMASO LEGACY**

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**\$30,000**

- One Premium table of (8) at the TMCAF Gala
- Full recognition on the inside cover of the event program
- Full-page ad and sponsor recognition in the event program layout
- Logo recognition on the step and repeat backdrop at the TMCAF Gala
- Meet-and-greet and photo opportunity with honorees
- Special sponsor recognition in the event production
- Recognition as the Presenting Sponsor from the stage visually and verbally
- Corporate organization recognition on all collateral materials including:
  - Logo is shown in print and video advertising
  - Logo on the TMCAF website
  - Listed on all press releases

## **SICILY**

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**\$20,000**

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## **POSITANO**

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**\$10,000**

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## **TABLE SPONSOR**

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**\$4,000**

- One Premium table of (8) at the TMCAF Gala

## **SINGLE TICKET**

**\$500**

## DONOR INFORMATION

Donor / Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMITMENT SELECTION

I wish to participate in the Tomaso Maggiore Culinary Arts Foundation Inaugural Legacy Gala at the level indicated below.

### LEGACY SPONSORSHIP

- TOMASO LEGACY • \$30,000     SICILY • \$20,000     POSITANO • \$10,000  
 TABLE SPONSOR • \$4,000     SINGLE TICKET • \$500

### DONATION

- I/We are unable to attend the gala but would like to contribute.  
Please accept this monetary donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Live Auction Item Provide item description and value below  
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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT!

Please return your signed commitment form via mail or email to:

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