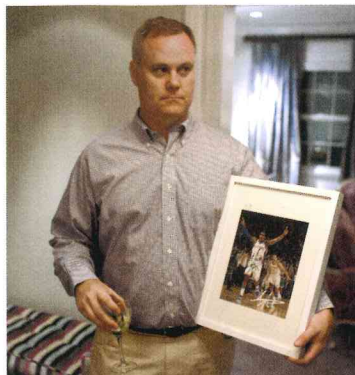




Hosts Amit and Shannon Muni with Chef Max Hardy and John Starck Jr. of Showcase Kitchens



Brian Kirkwood shows off his signed Stoudemire photo



Chef Max Hardy poses with select appetizers

Showcase Kitchens Teams Up with Amar'e Stoudemire and Chef Max Hardy

On May 12th, homeowners Shannon and Amit Muni opened their Long Island home for a private dinner and benefit auction in their newly-designed kitchen by Showcase Kitchens of Manhasset. One of the night's beneficiaries, The Amar'e Foundation "Each One Teach One," funds a youth outreach program whose mission is to eradicate poverty through education.

Chef Max Hardy, chef to the stars, catered the event as well as his foundation also being a beneficiary. "One Chef Can 86 Hunger" was established in 2011 to help fight the hunger crisis in America via nutritional guidance and by providing scholarships for underprivileged students interested in the culinary arts. The chef remarked that the new kitchen was "the ideal configuration for preparing, serving and entertaining." The lucky guests who sampled his elegant and tasty creations concurred.

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Chef Max assisted by Chef Rudy find the kitchen superbly designed for assembling their culinary delights



Amar'e Stoudemire Auction items



The stage is set for the fund raiser in the Manhasset home of Shannon and Amit Muni



Shannon Muni with guests Mike Bellucci and John Stratakis enjoying a pre-dinner cocktail in the garden