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ETOILE RAISES FUNDS FOR BARBARA BUSH HOUSTON LITERACY FOUNDATION *French Restaurant picks former first lady's organization for its July charity*

Every month since it opened its doors more than ten years ago, Etoile Cuisine et Bar in Uptown Park has been noticeably serving Houston's many lovers of good French food. More quietly, however, the restaurant has also been serving many of city's charitable causes by raising money each month.

Chef Philippe Verpiand, who owns the restaurant with his wife Monica Bui, creates two special prix fixe menus each month, one for dinner and one for weekend brunch, and from each sale, a portion goes to a designated monthly charity.

As the restaurant celebrates its first decade in business, it is turning its attention to one of the city's most loved charities, the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, which, coincidentally, is also celebrating its tenth anniversary and decade of difference making in our city.

The Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation is a charitable organization formed by Neil and Maria Bush to carry forth First Lady Barbara Bush's legacy in the literacy cause and to focus deeply on breaking the intergenerational cycle of low literacy in the Bush family's hometown. Founded on Mrs. Bush's belief, "If you help a person to read, then their opportunities in life will be endless," the Barbara Bush Foundation's mission is to improve lives through the power of literacy.

Over the past 10 years, the Foundation has spearheaded innovative literacy programs and expanded access to high-quality services and resources that empower children, families, and adults with the support they need to gain the literacy skills they need to succeed in school, participate fully in our workforce, support their families, and engage in our society.

At Etoile, the monthly prix-fixe dinner menu includes four courses, which includes a choice for each course. The cost for this dinner is \$74 per person plus tax and gratuity, from which \$8 will go to the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation.

Similarly, there is a special brunch menu on Saturday and Sundays. This three-course meal sells for \$38 per person plus tax and gratuity and provides \$4 to the Foundation for each one sold.

In August, the restaurant will aid the Houston Food Bank as a participant in Houston Restaurant Weeks.

Etoile Cuisine et Bar is located at 1101-11 Uptown Park Blvd in Uptown. It is open daily lunch and dinner seven days a week. Monday-Thursday: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; Friday: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m.; Saturday: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sunday: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Free valet service is offered for lunch and dinner daily. For reservations or information, call 832-668-5808 or go to www.etoilecuisine.com.

For more information about the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, visit www.barbarabushhouston.org or follow the organization on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bushhoustonliteracy on Twitter [@bushhoustonlit](https://twitter.com/bushhoustonlit) and on Instagram [@bushhoustonlit](https://www.instagram.com/bushhoustonlit).