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Mt. Prospect, IL - 40 of the top chefs across the country gathered for the 2nd annual World's Festival of Chefs at the Chicago Cultural Center in honor of Art Smith's (Oprah's personal Chef) Common Threads Foundation. Many of the who's who in the culinary world gathered for an evening of fun and fundraising in the picturesque Millennium Ballroom. Food Networks Paula Deen, Giada DeLaurentis, Cat Cora, Tyler Florence and more were on hand to help their friend raise monies for his worthy foundation. Common Threads gives intercity kids a chance to *taste* what professional chefs do for a living. Chefs are brought in throughout the year to teach children the importance of healthy eating, cultural diversity thru cooking and regional vegetation from around the world. This emphasis on cultural differences thru food helps bridge racial gaps. Jim Capannari was one of the 40 chefs on hand. Capannari Ice Cream donated 900 samples of Chocolate Hazelnut Ganache, Black Raspberry Chip and Coconut Chip Ice Cream to the 800 plus guests. Guests paid as much as \$250.00 a ticket to sample the finest foods in the country and hobnob with the top chefs.

Food Network's Giada DeLaurentis and Jim Capannari from Capannari Ice Cream

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