

PRESS RELEASE

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Sodexo Ireland Christmas Fair raises over €3,000 for Stop Hunger

The atrocious weather conditions notwithstanding, the Sodexo Ireland Christmas Fair in Cork on Monday 14th December proved an outstanding success, raising over €3,000 for the company's designated Irish charities under its global Stop Hunger campaign; Barnardos, St. Vincent de Paul and the Irish Cancer Society.

The event was co-ordinated by Cork office manager Martina MacCarthy and guests were greeted with mulled wine and homemade mince pies upon arrival. Many Sodexo staff from Cork and Limerick had made Christmas cakes, pies, truffles and other delicacies to sell at their festively decorated stalls.

Glen Mullen, craft development chef for Munster and Diarmuid Murphy, head chef at EMC Ovens jointly held a cookery demonstration of mouth-watering festive fare that included a slow cooked Spiced Beef with sweet onion marmalade and capers; Ham cooked in cider, apples and spices served with a cranberry relish on homemade crackers and great leftover dish of spicy Turkey Madras with coconut milk, dried fruit, and toasted cashew served with saffron rice and toasted coconut.

The lucky guests were able to sample each dish as Glen and Diarmuid prepared it, thanks to the culinary team that included Julianne Forrestal, executive craft chef and chefs John Kidney (Gas Networks), Charlotte O'Driscoll (Eli Lilly), Conor McAlonan (EMC Citygate) and Tomas Pearse (Depuy Ringaskiddy).

Billy Perkins, client relationship director, said, *"All our tickets were sold out beforehand and a huge vote of thanks to all our staff who worked tirelessly to make the event such a success. Over 30 raffle prizes were generously donated by clients and supplier and a representative from the Irish Cancer Society spoke about the good uses to which the funds would be put."*

Sodexo Ireland manages staff restaurants and other on-site services for clients in business and industry, education and healthcare, employing 2,000 people in 200 locations across Ireland. It serves over 90,000 people daily and spent €21 million in 2015 on local Irish food.

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About Sodexo

Sodexo in the UK and Ireland

Sodexo employs around 35,000 people, and delivers services that improve the quality of life to clients at some 1,850 locations in the corporate, healthcare, education, leisure, justice and defence sectors.

With an annual turnover of more than £1bn, Sodexo delivers a range of services ranging from catering, cleaning, reception to asset management, security, laboratory and grounds maintenance services, enabling clients to focus on their core business.

Sodexo Benefits and Rewards Services in the UK provides benefit and reward services such as SayShopping vouchers; public benefits; and employee benefits such as childcare vouchers and engagement surveys.

About Sodexo

Founded in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the global leader in services that improve Quality of Life, an essential factor in individual and organizational performance. Operating in 80 countries, Sodexo serves 75 million consumers each day through its unique combination of On-site Services, Benefits and Rewards Services and Personal and Home Services. Through its more than 100 services, Sodexo provides clients an integrated offering developed over more than 45 years of experience: from reception, safety, maintenance and cleaning, to foodservices and facilities and equipment management; from Meal Pass, Gift Pass and Mobility Pass benefits for employees to in-home assistance and concierge services. Sodexo's success and performance are founded on its independence, its sustainable business model and its ability to continuously develop and engage its 419,000 employees throughout the world.

Key figures (as of August 31, 2014)

18 billion euro consolidated revenues

419 000 employees

18th largest employer worldwide

80 countries

32 700 sites

75 million consumers served daily

12.3 billion euro in market capitalisation (as of November 12, 2014)