Exploring Our Community, One Bite at a Time *Neighborhood Eats* **Premieres Friday, May 5th at 8:30pm on WETA TV 26 & WETA HD**

Featuring Anacostia, Capitol Hill, Dupont Circle, and Georgetown

[March 29, 2017; Arlington, VA] – In every city, "in-the-know" locals have their favorite eating establishments, each lending a distinctive flavor to the local community they represent. The new WETA program *Neighborhood Eats* reveals the delicious charms of favorite Greater Washington eateries, highlighting the special dining experiences and stories that capture the essence of the region. This 30-minute special companion piece to the *WETA Neighborhoods* series features culinary highlights to Washington D.C. areas Dupont Circle, Georgetown, Anacostia, and Capitol Hill. *Neighborhood Eats*, an exclusive WETA TV 26 production created for this region, will premiere **Friday, May 5th at 8:30pm** on WETA TV 26 and WETA HD (check local listings for encore presentations throughout May).

"WETA continues to explore our local area neighborhoods, highlighting a distinct group of dining establishments," notes Kevin Harris, WETA Vice President and Television Station Manager, "*Neighborhood Eats* discovers the celebrated treasures found in every corner of our nation's capital."

From established fine dining locales and cherished mainstays, to a new generation of up-andcoming restauranteurs, *Neighborhood Eats* discovers a vibrant collection of restaurants, cafes and chefs that are proud to call themselves local.

Featured in Dupont Circle:

- Hank's Oyster Bar Learn how Chef Jamie Leeds's first restaurant became a catalyst for the revival of the neighborhood oyster house in D.C.
- **DGS Delicatessen** Keeping Washington's Jewish food traditions alive with a modern twist.
- **Bistrot du Coin** With each release of a new Beaujolais wine at this classic French establishment, patrons celebrate amidst the authentic surroundings.

Featured in Georgetown:

- **Baked & Wired** This popular bakery helps to get the day started right with whimsical baked goods and a strong cup of coffee.
- Stachowski's Market A true old-world experience for discerning carnivores.
- **Georgetown University Grilling Society** Watch the passionate grill masters of this college club work together to form, season and serve juicy burgers to students and area locals.
- **Chaia** By popular demand, this "farm-to-taco" vegetarian concept expanded from a farmer's market stall to a brick-and-mortar location.

Featured in Anacostia:

- **Mama's Kitchen** Pizza cooked with love and fresh ingredients creates deep bonds in the community for this small shop.
- **Capitol Hill Crab Cakes** Using time-honored family recipes to serve signature dishes such as "Anacostia Surf & Turf" to hungry patrons.

Featured in Capitol Hill:

- **Beuchert's Saloon** This establishment revives the bygone era of saloon culture, adopting the name and spirit of a restaurant that occupied the same space over a century ago.
- Acqua al 2 The American cousin to a beloved Italian original, serving authentic Tuscan favorites since 2010.
- **The Pretzel Bakery** What started as a longing for a childhood treat became an obsession to re-create the iconic Philadelphia pretzel in the District.

Visit <u>weta.org/neighborhoods</u> for additional information. Press materials and photography can be found at <u>weta.org/press</u>.

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