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Chef Ken Oringer to Raise Money for Autism Speaks with Special Five-Course Menu**

March 5, 2008 [Boston, MA] – **KO Prime's Chef Ken Oringer** joins esteemed members of the culinary community on **World Autism Awareness Day (April 2, 2008)** as they pledge their support to raise funds and awareness for Autism Speaks, the global organization dedicated to increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders and to funding research into the causes, prevention and treatments for autism. Oringer, whose own family has been affected by autism, is one of several chefs from around the country who will host dinners at their restaurants on April 2 to raise money for Autism Speaks. Oringer, along with KO Prime's Executive Chef Jamie Bissonnette, and chef de cuisines from his restaurants Clio, Uni, Toro and La Verdad, will join forces at KO Prime to offer a five-course menu with wine pairings for \$200 per person. 100% of the proceeds will benefit Autism Speaks.

"I'm thrilled to lend my support to such a valuable organization that's dedicated to bringing the world's attention to a disorder that affects millions of people," says Oringer. Autism Speaks is working with countries all over the world encouraging them to plan events that inform the public about the global health crisis of autism that has been estimated to affect 35 million people worldwide.

"We are extremely grateful to Ken Oringer and all of the chefs participating in this fantastic initiative, helping our efforts to increase awareness about autism throughout the world on April 2," said Suzanne Wright, co-founder of Autism Speaks. "These events and promotions will do a great deal to foster a sense of compassion and understanding, something families affected by autism desperately need as they face the many day-to-day challenges posed by this disorder."

This special benefit dinner will begin at 7:00 pm. For reservations or more information, please call 617-772-0202 or visit www.koprimeboston.com. KO Prime is located within the Nine Zero Hotel at 90 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

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About Autism Speaks:

Autism Speaks is dedicated to increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders, to funding research into the causes, prevention and treatments for autism, and to advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. It was founded in February 2005 by Suzanne and Bob Wright, the grandparents of a child with autism. Bob Wright is Vice Chairman, General Electric, and served as chairman and chief executive officer of NBC Universal for more than twenty years. To learn more about Autism Speaks, please visit www.autismspeaks.org.

About KO Prime:

KO Prime invites guests to experience modern steakhouse fare at its most creative. Award-winning Chef Ken Oringer collaborates with Executive Chef Jamie Bissonnette to create a menu that speaks to both meat aficionados and adventurous diners. Guests can start the evening off in the sexy lounge with one of the restaurant's many imaginative cocktails before moving into the chic dining room. The Raw Bar and seafood entrees draw inspiration from Boston's coastal landscape while the salads are prepared with vegetables grown on the restaurant's rooftop garden or sourced from local farmers. More than a dozen cuts of quality meats, ranging from Japanese Wagyu Beef to a 28 Day Dry-Aged Strip Steak, are paired with unprecedented spices, sauces and sides. Complementing the experience, is KO Prime's world-class wine list that features selections from both the United States and abroad.