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**MEDIA ALERT –  
COOKERS WANTED FOR 2010 CHILI COOKOFF**

*Douglasville, Georgia* – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is pleased to announce the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Chili Cookoff at O’Neal Plaza on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 from 6 until 9 p.m. Last year more than 2,500 people joined in this festive evening of good food, fun and entertainment as many local Douglasville celebrities presented the community with different flavors of chili. Mayor Mickey Thompson, Commissioner Tom Worthan, Coroner Randy Daniel, local banks, politicians and businesses competed to determine the best of the best chili in Douglasville. The CAC is currently seeking organizations and individuals to cook chili in the Halloween-themed event. If you would like to cook or help with the event, please contact the Cultural Arts Council 770-949-ARTS (2787) or [cultureom@earthlink.net](mailto:cultureom@earthlink.net).

Cookers are asked to bring a minimum of eight (8) gallons of chili, heated and ready to serve, in crock pots or in a pot on a hot plate, and a ladle. The chili can be cooked by you -- or by a relative or friend. The fee as a chili cooker is \$75 for a full table; if cookers want to share with a friend, please make your own arrangements. Spaces will be limited so send in your check (make checks payable to: CAC) or register and pay online through the CAC website, [www.artsdouglas.org](http://www.artsdouglas.org). Full tables will only be assigned when the fee is paid. Cookers may bring extra chili because there is a contest for the “Most Sold.” Last year our “Most Sold” winner sold more than 20 gallons! There will also be awards for the “Best Tasting” chili, and the “Best Presentation” for the most creatively decorated booth. Donated tickets will also be counted. Winners will be notified by phone and announced in our local newspapers in the week after the Cookoff.

In the spirit of the season, there will also be a CHILDREN’S HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST. All children wearing costumes receive goody bags, and adults can plan to join the family fun of our annual downtown costume party. Celebrity judges will select winners from various age groups, and each child in costume will receive a prize. This year we will also have the return of the Trick or Treat Trolley for children to enjoy a ride through downtown Douglasville.

Proceeds benefit the exhibition program at the Cultural Arts Center, educational programs including artists in our schools, and the CAC’s popular spring and fall concerts series, also presented on O’Neal Plaza in Douglasville’s historic downtown. We are planning to have great weather, lots of chili eaters and great fun again this year!

The Cultural Arts Center is located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, located about 20 miles from Atlanta and just off I-20 (exit 36). Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 770/949-2787 or visit our web site --- [www.artsdouglas.org](http://www.artsdouglas.org).