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## MANN'S SUPPORTS COAST-TO-COAST CHARITY EVENTS

**Tenderbite® Green Beans Highlighted at Susan G. Komen Culinary Showdown in LA  
and DC Central Kitchen's Capital Food Fight**

Salinas, CA – November 15, 2016 – [Mann Packing](#) sponsored bi-coastal events over that last two weeks benefitting both Susan G. Komen Los Angeles County and DC Central Kitchen.



Top Chef Season 6 winner Michael Voltaggio poses with Mann's Tenderbite® Beans at the Susan G. Komen Culinary Showdown

The Susan G. Komen Culinary Showdown took place October 22 at the Loews Hollywood Hotel. Top fundraisers from Los Angeles County participated in a celebrity chef school, then were broken into five teams to compete onstage in an Iron Chef-style competition. Food Network's Elizabeth Faulkner and Tyler Florence, Top Chef alums Antonia Lofaso and Michael Voltaggio, and Chef Ben Ford led their groups through four rounds of mystery ingredients, including Mann's Tenderbite Green Beans. Susan G. Komen LA County was founded 20 years ago, and helps un- and under-insured Angelenos with diagnostic support and navigation services pertaining to breast cancer.

On November 10, the Capital Food Fight benefitting DC Central Kitchen took over the Ronald Reagan Building on Capitol Hill. The event drew over 1,300 attendees, had 75 DC-area restaurant stations, and 4 local top chefs competing to outdo each other cooking with mystery ingredients, once again including

Mann's Tenderbite Green Beans. Now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, Capitol Food Fight was the brainchild of celebrity chef Jose Andres and 100% of event proceeds benefit DC Central Kitchen, an organization that provides nutritious meals for 80 nearby nonprofit partners and 15 District schools, and equips unemployed men and women to begin culinary careers. Mann's, joining with Keany Produce, was one of the sponsors of the Food Fight.

"Giving back to the community is a huge part of who we are as a company, especially when we can support organizations that are important to our



A cook from DC Central Kitchen's culinary training program gives Mann's Tenderbite® Beans some love

customers,” said Gina Nucci, director of corporate marketing at Mann’s. “We were more than happy to throw our Tenderbite Beans into the ring in order to bolster organizations who are combating breast cancer and hunger – two causes near and dear to us.”

More information about Susan G. Komen Los Angeles County and DC Central Kitchen can be found at:

[komenlacounty.org](http://komenlacounty.org)

[dcentralkitchen.org](http://dcentralkitchen.org)

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### **About Mann Packing Company**

Founded in 1939, Mann Packing is an industry leading, third-generation supplier of premium fresh vegetables. Headquartered in Salinas, California, Mann’s is one of the largest suppliers of western vegetables, Broccolini® and sugar snap peas in North America. The firm holds the distinguished Women’s Owned Business Certification from the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council - the most widely recognized and respected certification in the United States for women’s business enterprises. Leading the way in product innovation, environmental sustainability and green supply chain management practices, Mann Packing is consistently vigilant in food safety, employee wellness and quality assurance, making for one of the most trusted brands in the industry.