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ST. MATTHEW'S HOUSE HIRES BRIAN ELWELL AS EXECUTIVE CHEF

After a lengthy search, St. Matthew's House has found its new executive chef! Brian Elwell comes to St. Matthew's House following a 16-year run at Moorings Park Retirement Community where he transformed three restaurants into high-end eateries with a clubhouse atmosphere. A Massachusetts native and graduate of Stevens School of Bible in Lenox, MA, Mr. Elwell received the majority of his training as an apprentice to Olympic Gold Medal Chef Gerhard Schmidt. He was also chef for three years on mission ship La Gracia, traveling to Haiti, Belize, Honduras, Jamaica and other Caribbean countries, helping and feeding those in need. Among his duties, Mr. Elwell oversees SMH Catering, an in-house commercial enterprise created by St. Matthew's House that provides job training and career opportunities for residents, as well as bringing in much-needed operational funding.

About St. Matthew's House

The mission of St. Matthew's House is to provide housing for the homeless, food for the needy, and an opportunity to change lives in a spiritual environment that is both compassionate and disciplined. A 501(c)3 non-profit entity, St. Matthew's House (SMH) has been serving the homeless, hungry and hopeless since 1988. SMH is the only emergency housing and recovery program in Naples and one of only two in all of Collier County, offering 120 beds for men, women, women with children, and families, as well as a structured substance-abuse recovery program, soup kitchen, transitional affordable apartment housing, and food and financial assistance to all qualifying individuals and families.

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