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Courthaus Social wins third straight “Best of the Best” Award at 31st annual Taste of Arlington

*Mala Tang, Bartaco, Mussel Bar & Grille, BBQ at its Best and Bar Bao took home awards as well*

ARLINGTON, Va. (March 23, 2018) – On Sunday, May 20th, 30,000 people came together to celebrate the best of Arlington’s food scene for the 31st annual Taste of Arlington presented by Courthaus Social and benefitting BallstonGives. Festival goers enjoyed dishes from 58 of the region’s best restaurants and food trucks while raising money for local charitable organizations.

Each year, participating Taste of Arlington restaurants compete to be named “Best of the Best” in their dish’s respective category. Chosen by a panel of 40 esteemed judges, this year’s winners are:

- **Best Appetizer**: Mala Tang, Zhong Dumplings with Spicy Wontons
- **Best Fast Casual Entrée**: Bartaco, Tuna Poke
- **Best Fine Dining Entrée**: Mussel Bar & Grille, Short Rib Carbonnade
- **Best Dessert**: Courthaus Social, White Chocolate Bread Pudding
- **Best Food Truck**: BBQ at its Best, Cajun Cupcake Chicken
- **Fan Favorite**: Bar Bao, Tuna Poke Taco

In addition to the main draw of restaurant row, the annual street festival hosted by the Ballston Business Improvement District (BID) included beer and wine gardens, live music on two stages, a pop-up BarkPark, and dedicated KidZone.

This year, BallstonGives will be donating a portion of event proceeds to seven Arlington nonprofits: the Arlington Food Assistance Center, Animal Welfare League of Arlington, Arlington Arts Center, Arlington Street Peoples Assistance Network, Volunteer Arlington, Leadership Center for Excellence, and Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

*About the Ballston Business Improvement District*

The Ballston Business Improvement District (BID) is a 25-block neighbourhood with more than 8.3 million SF of office space, one-million SF of retail space and 8,000 residential units. The BID works to attract, support and connect the most compelling and ambitious minds in our region. Ballston’s blend of urban sophistication and neighborhood charm make it a premier business, cultural and entertaining destination with top universities, scientific research organizations, Fortune 500 companies,
upscale hotels, retail, green space, 60 restaurants and home to the Washington Capitals – all easily accessible by metro and major thoroughfares. For more information about the Ballston BID, visit www.ballstonbid.com.