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Swan Terrace Seasoned with New Executive Chef

Virginia Beach, Va. (March 24, 2008) – He may be the new Swan Terrace Executive Chef at The Founders Inn and Spa, but Executive Chef Eric Doarnberger is well seasoned. Having worked in the culinary industry since 1988 and as a Swan Terrace Sous Chef for four years, he brings experience, maturity and innovation to running the dining show.

Tony Loos, Director of Food and Beverage, is pleased to announce the promotion. “Executive Chef Doarnberger has been an integral part of the Founders Inn and Spa team for nearly four years. Over that time, his commitment to teamwork, dedication, talent and professionalism as the Executive Sous Chef paved the way for this promotion. I have the utmost confidence that his dedication to high standards will inspire our culinary team to continue the fine reputation Swan Terrace has earned for many years.”

Chef Doarnberger’s culinary foundation, based on twelve years with Club Corp, familiarized him with a variety of property types ranging from golf and country clubs to flagship hotels. Previously, he was the Executive Chef at Greenbrier Country Club; Executive Sous Chef at Piedmont Club, Club Corp in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Executive Sous Chef at Jenny Lake Lodge, Grand Teton Lodge Corporation, Wyoming.

His favorite aspect of being Executive Chef is the ability to professionally delegate daily responsibilities. Surrounding himself with excellent employees enables his team to work together to execute with precision for the benefit of the guests.

One of his first goals is to continue cross training the staff. He knows that the most creative, best prepared meals are orchestrated with flexibility and versatility; it is important that cooks can cook anywhere in the kitchen at any time. Though he doesn't have a favorite Swan Terrace meal, he revels in a la carte cooking. Chef Doarnberger explains, "Having solid plans in place on a busy night - I consider that a good time. It doesn't matter what the dish itself is. I'll have new menus out soon and each of those items will be my favorite meal to prepare."

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About The Founders Inn and Spa

Boasting old-world charm and the finest southern hospitality, The Founders Inn and Spa provides the appeal and warmth of a country inn, accented by beautiful antiques and historic artifacts, with a new \$5 million full-service resort spa, grand scale pool featuring a circular slide and interactive fountains, luxurious amenities and award-winning cuisine. The Inn's 240 guestrooms and suites include High Speed Internet access, generous workspace and views of 26 landscaped acres. Select rooms include gas fireplaces, and views of the lake and formal gardens. The Founders Inn and Spa is located at 5641 Indian River Road in Virginia Beach near exit 286B off Interstate 64 East. For reservations and additional information, please call 800.926.4466 or visit [www.FoundersInn.com](http://wwwFOUNDERSINN.com).

Benchmark Hospitality manages The Founders Inn and Spa, as well as three other Virginia properties: Lansdowne Resort near Leesburg, a suburb of Washington, D.C.; Virginia Crossings Resort in Richmond; and Berry Hill Plantation Resort in South Boston.

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