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(NECN: Josh Brogadir, Boston) - The goal of Wednesday night's Boston Bites Back was to raise \$1 million for One Fund Boston.

If they're not there, they sure are pretty close, since there was a huge turnout at Fenway Park.

I sampled the four basic food groups: Rabbit, octopus, foie gras and ice cream - and I'm glad I could add to the waistline for a good cause.

Home whites abound at Fenway even with the Red Sox in Tampa to play the Rays.

About 100 chefs from around the region were at the historic ballpark to help raise \$1 million for One Fund Boston.

"There's still tragedy and mourning going on, obviously that's never going to change, we can't bring people back. But at least we can show them as a chef community what chefs are made of and how we can give back to them," said co-organizer chef Ming Tsai.

Boston Bites Back was the brainchild of celebrity chefs Ming Tsai and Ken Oringer.

The culinary duo came up with the plan soon after the bombings to do what they do best - bring people together and serve outstanding food.

"Chefs, it's in our DNA to be able to nurture people and to cook for people through getting together at a table is how we comfort each other, how families comfort each other. And we thought it would be a great way for everybody in the city to show our pride and just to have a night out that people can look forward to being together," Co-organizer chef Ken Oringer said.

The Red Sox embraced the idea, and diners even got to walk around the warning track between mouthfuls.

The tickets were a steep \$200 per person, but that money all goes to victims of the tragedy, and about 1,500 first responders got to enjoy the evening as a thank you from some generous donors.

"We're very happy to come here and just be a part of it and get to talk with people. You know, the last time they were all thrown together it wasn't a great situation and tonight's much nicer," said Boston EMS Chief Jim Hooley.

About 5,000 people turned Fenway into a gigantic restaurant, knowing that having a great meal, a few drinks and a good time was also helping this city heal, one month later.

"I think it's moving ahead not being afraid to come out, spend time together, go out in public and just show people, we're not backing down and Boston's a strong city," said Eric Bloomstein of Marlboro, Mass.

Although the total raised is not known, it should be a million dollars or more. About 30 survivors were also here, thanks to generous donors.

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