

ACFCCF Mission Statement

To educate children and families in understanding proper nutrition through community-based initiatives led by American Culinary Federation chef members, and to be the voice of the culinary industry in its fight against childhood hunger, malnutrition and obesity.

ACFCCF Goals

- To educate the membership and public through awareness campaigns together with all aspects of childhood malnutrition relating to food, including hunger, obesity and dietary education.
- To provide childhood hunger and nutritional educational programs to the community.
- To raise awareness of childhood hunger and obesity throughout the United States through local ACF Chapters' Childhood Nutrition Day events.



ACF At A Glance

The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in America. With more than 20,000 members spanning 230 chapters nationwide, ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and accreditation. In addition, ACF operates the only comprehensive certification program for chefs in the United States. ACF is home to ACF Culinary Team USA, the official representative for the United States in major international culinary competitions. In the past four years, ACF also held the presidium for the World Association of Chefs Societies, the largest international network of chef associations with more than eight million members globally. For more information, visit www.acfchefs.org.



If you're interested in learning more about the ACF Chef & Child Foundation or in becoming an ACF member, please contact ACF at **(800) 624-9458**.

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American Culinary Federation Chef & Child Foundation



Opportunities for Chefs to Make a Difference

ACF Chef & Child Foundation Awards

ACFCCF provides many opportunities for chefs to become involved in solving the problems associated with childhood hunger, obesity and malnutrition. Chapter activities and ACFCCF national efforts have been tremendously successful in raising awareness of childhood nutrition throughout the United States.



- ACF chapters hold fundraising events to provide CCF grants to agencies in their local communities.
- The Chef in the Classroom program provides preschoolers through fifth grade with age appropriate nutritional information on good eating habits and a healthy life style.
- Cooking is for Kids is a fun-filled program that gives chefs everything needed to teach cooking classes for children in third through eighth grade.
- Hit a Home Run for Nutrition is a large-scale nutrition and fitness activity for children. It is perfectly suited for an ACF chapter project.
- March is National Nutrition Month with a focus on educating children on the importance of proper nutrition.

The ACFCCF is partnering with several agencies to help promote this cause and encourages chapters to get involved with these projects. The Junior League of America has a program, Kids in the Kitchen, a hands-on project to educate children about healthy foods. The United States Department of Agriculture and the American Dietetic Association both host Web sites full of information about nutrition (including the new food pyramid) and potential activities to honor this day.

- The Cleveland Clinic is piloting Food is Knowledge written by ACFCCF board member Jim Perko, CEC, AAC, which is available to be taught as part of the nutritional curriculum for elementary school age children.
- Childhood Nutrition Day is held annually on October 16. Chapters all across the country are encouraged to hold nutrition awareness events on or around that date.
- Chefs are encouraged to get involved in improving what kids are eating in schools. ACFCCF and Two Angry Moms are working together to promote this.
- Chef Tom Yanisko, CEC, CCA, AAC, has a delightful DVD/video, "What You Eat... It's Up To You," which is available for purchase at a very reasonable price through the ACFCCF. It is a terrific tool to teach kids about making good food choices.



For downloads and additional information on the opportunities above, please visit our Web site at www.acfchefs.org.

- The Little Oscar Award recognizes chapters that put forth an exceptional effort to advance the mission of the ACF Chef & Child Foundation in its fight against childhood hunger, malnutrition and obesity. The national Little Oscar Award winner, selected from among the four regional winners, is announced at the ACF National Convention. Please visit our Web site, www.acfchefs.org, for all CCF awards and applications.
- The True Spirit Award is presented once a year to a person or chapter who has demonstrated extraordinary efforts to aid children, especially with hunger and nutrition issues.
- The Michael Ty Endowment Fund was established in 2000 and provides a scholarship for an ACF chef who has dedicated hours to fighting childhood hunger or teaching children about nutrition. The fund was named as a tribute to Chef Michael Ty, CEC, AAC, ACF President (1993-1994). Chef Ty conceived and produced the highly successful School Lunch Challenges for three years.

