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### **ACF Chef & Child Foundation Awards Two Chefs and One Chapter at the 2008 Annual ACF National Convention**

**ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., July 15, 2008**—The American Culinary Federation Chef & Child Foundation (ACFCCF), which focuses on the nutritional development of America's children, awarded three annual awards at the 2008 ACF National Convention in Las Vegas, July 14-17.

#### **Michael Ty Endowment Fund**

**Ann Cooper**, director of nutrition services, Berkeley Unified School District, Moss Beach, Calif.; ACF National Chapter

The Michael Ty Endowment Award was established in 2000. It provides a scholarship for an ACF chef who has dedicated countless hours to fighting childhood hunger, working on behalf of the foundation, and teaching the children who benefit from ACFCCF programs. The fund was named in tribute to Michael Ty, CEC, AAC, ACF president (1993-1994), who produced the highly successful school lunch challenges for three years.

#### **True Spirit**

**Thomas Yanisko, CEC, CCA, AAC**; director of nutrition and foodservice, Community Medical Center, Toms River, N.J.; The ACF Jersey Shore Chefs Association

The ACFCCF True Spirit Award is presented once a year to a person or ACF chapter who has demonstrated extraordinary efforts to aid children.

#### **Little Oscar**

**ACF Kona Kohala Chefs de Cuisine, Inc.**, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

The Little Oscar Award recognizes a chapter that has put forth an exceptional effort to advance the mission of the ACF Chef & Child Foundation in its fight against childhood hunger and malnutrition.

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Chosen for its fine cuisine and world-famous entertainment, Las Vegas was the location of the 2008 ACF National Convention. Bringing more than 2,000 chefs, cooks, foodservice professionals to the city, the convention provided attendees with numerous opportunities to advance their professional development and enhance their culinary skills through informative workshops and seminars, cutting-edge demonstrations, a trade show featuring approximately 150 exhibitors, national competitions and national-award presentations. The sold-out third annual Certified Master Chefs dinner featured ACF Culinary Team USA.

Sponsors of the 2008 ACF National Convention are: American Lamb Board; Bakewell Culinary Powders; Barber Foods; Belgioioso Cheese Inc.; Berkshire Meat Products, LLC; Buckhead Beef Company; Butterball Farms, Inc.; Canada Cutlery Inc.; The Cheesecake Factory Bakery, Inc.; Cleveland Range, LLC; Contessa Premium Foods; Custom Culinary, Inc.; Diamond Crystal; Dow AgroSciences; Ecolab; Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Producers; Fortessa, Inc.; General Mills; GFF, Inc./Girard's Dressings; Guittard Chocolate Co.; The International Culinary Schools at The Art Institutes; Johnson & Wales University; The King Arthur Flour Company; La Brea Bakery; Lantmannen Unibake USA; Lavazza, Italy's Favourite Coffee; Le Cordon Bleu Schools North America; Mann's Fresh Vegetables; McCain Foods USA; Meat & Livestock Australia; Mind's Eye Resource Management, LLC; Nestlé Professional; New Mexico Department of Agriculture; NEWCHEF Fashions; Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats; Pearson Prentice Hall; Perfect Purée of Napa Valley; RC Fine Foods; RH Forschner by Victorinox Swiss Army, Inc.; R.L. Schreiber, Inc.; Rubbermaid Commercial Products; Saputo Foods; Snake River Farms; Splenda®; Sweet Street Desserts; Tyson Food Service; Unilever Foodsolutions; U.S. Foodservice; Ventura Foods, LLC; and Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board.

The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 21,500 members spanning 230 chapters nationwide, ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and accreditation. In addition, ACF operates the most 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. For more information, visit [www.acfchefs.org](http://www.acfchefs.org).

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