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Charlie Trotter Donates \$15,000 to the American Culinary Federation Trotter announces scholarship donation at ACF's conference in Schaumburg, Ill.

St. Augustine, Fla., April 1, 2009—Charlie Trotter, chef/proprietor, Charlie Trotter's, Chicago, announced, on behalf of the Charlie Trotter Culinary Education Foundation, a \$15,000 donation to the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation (ACFEF) at the ACF Central Regional Conference in Schaumburg, Ill., Feb. 23.

This year's donation is in addition to the \$25,000 donation that Trotter announced last July at ACF's national convention in Las Vegas. The total amount of \$40,000 will be used to create eight \$5,000 scholarships for culinary students. ACFEF has reconstructed its scholarships program, and applications are now reviewed on a point scale. Academic grade point average, participation in culinary competitions, volunteer work, ACF involvement, an essay and references will be reviewed by the AAC Scholarship Review Committee.



"ACF is again in awe and humbled by the generosity of the Charlie Trotter Culinary Education Foundation," said John Kinsella, CMC, CCE, WGMC, AAC, ACF national president. "These funds will help well-deserving culinary students achieve their dreams, ones which may have not been possible otherwise."

Trotter's only request is that students who receive scholarships contact him after they complete culinary school and are looking for an externship or job. Deadline to apply for 2009 scholarships is May 1. For more information, and to download the college student scholarship application visit www.acfcchefs.org.

The Charlie Trotter Culinary Education Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that awards scholarships to students seeking careers in the culinary arts. The foundation works with Chicago-area youth to promote the quest for education as well as interest in cooking and food. To date, the foundation has raised more than \$1 million. The foundation hosts dinners three times a week for Chicago-area high school students, providing them with an opportunity to tour the restaurant, dine in the studio kitchen and speak to restaurant employees.

The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 22,000 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.acfcchefs.org.

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