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ACF Chef & Child Foundation Recognizes Award Winners at the 2009 ACF National Convention

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., July 17, 2009—The American Culinary Federation Chef & Child Foundation (ACFCCF), which focuses on the nutritional development of America's children, awarded three annual awards at the 2009 ACF National Convention in Orlando, Fla., held at the Orlando World Center Marriott, July 11-14.

Michael Ty Endowment Fund

Joel Schaefer, CCC, manager of product development and special diets, Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.; Chefs de Cuisine Association of Hawaii Honolulu

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 and current president), who produced the highly successful school lunch challenges for three years.

True Spirit

Tony Hall, retired, Dayton, Ohio

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

Central: Chefs de Cuisine Association of St. Louis Inc., St. Louis

Northeast: ACF Great Bay New Hampshire Chapter, Durham, N.H.

Southeast: ACF Middle Tennessee Chapter, Nashville, Tenn.

Western: ACF Washington State Chefs Association, Seattle

The Little Oscar Award recognizes a chapter in each ACF region 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.

Orlando was the location of the 2009 ACF National Convention, bringing hundreds of chefs, cooks, students and foodservice professionals to the Sunshine State. The national 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 more than 100 exhibitors, national competitions and ACF's annual national awards.

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Sponsors of the 2009 ACF National Convention are: Ajinomoto Food Ingredients LLC; American Lamb Board; Barber Foods; Barry Callebaut; Beef Products, Inc.; BelGioioso Cheese Inc.; Berkshire Pork Products, LLC; Bon Chef, Inc.; Bunge Oils; Butterball Farms, Inc.; Canada Cutlery Inc.; Casa DiLisio Products, Inc.; Chartwells; The Cheesecake Factory Bakery Inc.; Chicago School of Chocolate Molding; CleanFish; Cleveland Range, LLC; Contessa Premium Foods; The Culinary Institute of America; Custom Culinary, Inc.; Demeyere; Diamond Crystal; Dole Packaged Foods, LLC; Dow AgroSciences; Ecolab; Egglund's Best; GFF, Inc./Girard's Dressings; Gordon Food Service; Guittard Chocolate Co.; Hass Avocado Board; Hormel; i-COOK Professional; Indian Harvest; The International Culinary Schools at The Art Institutes; The Investing Chef; J.R. Simplot Company; Johnson & Wales University; Kendall College School of Culinary Arts; La Brea Bakery; Lavazza Italy's Favourite Coffee; Le Cordon Bleu Schools North America; Nestlé Professional; NEWCHEF Fashion Inc.; Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats; Pasta CHEF®; Pearson Education; Plugra; RC Fine Foods; Riviana Foods Inc.; R.L. Schreiber, Inc.; S & D Coffee; San Jamar; Saputo Cheese; Schwan's Food Service; Splenda®; Tyson Food Service; Unilever Foodsolutions; U.S. Foodservice; Victorinox Commercial Cutlery; Vita-Mix Corp.; The Vollrath Company, 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 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, and to the Chef & Child Foundation, founded in 1989 to promote proper nutrition in children and to combat childhood obesity. For more information, visit www.acfchefs.org.

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