



# CHEFS AND STUDENTS HELP JOPLIN, MO. REBUILD



More than 50 ACF chefs and culinary students from Missouri, Texas and South Carolina came together September 25, 2011 in Joplin, Mo., to feed 5,000 volunteers who participated in the fifth annual Great Day of Service, organized by Sid Davis of College Heights Christian Church in Joplin. Lynn Krause, CEPC, AAC, chair of the ACFEF Disaster Relief Task Force, spearheaded ACF's involvement in the event.

"Joplin has been upgraded from a 'war zone' to a 'catastrophe area,'" says Krause of the May 22 tornado that wreaked havoc on the city. "The path of destruction was one mile wide and six miles long. The people of Joplin are incredibly resilient, to the point that they can't do enough to help one another."

Following this year's tragedy, the annual volunteer event generated an even greater turnout from surrounding communities. ACF volunteers used

donated products and facilities to prepare to feed the crowd, a three-day effort.

"Thank-you doesn't seem enough," says Krause, who has been traveling to Joplin since the tornado hit to offer assistance. "How does one honor those who selflessly took time away from their families, businesses, vacations and weekend to join us in Joplin? We can't express our full appreciation."

In June, the ACFEF Disaster Relief Task Force donated \$10,000 worth of gift cards (purchased with funds from generous ACF members) to ACF members, students enrolled in area ACFEF-accredited programs and residents who were affected by the tornado.

The ACFEF Disaster Relief Task Force raises funds and mobilizes volunteer efforts in response to national disasters. To learn more, visit [www.acfchefs.org/disasterrelief](http://www.acfchefs.org/disasterrelief).

## THANK YOU!

ACF appreciates all the chefs, chapters, students and suppliers who donated their time, money, facilities and products to help make the 2011 Great Day of Service in Joplin, Mo., a success. They include:

- ACF Central Missouri Chapter
- ACF Chefs of the Low Country
- ACF Greater Charleston South Carolina Chapter
- ACF Greater Kansas City Chefs Association
- ACF Springfield/Branson Chefs Association
- Chefs de Cuisine Association of St Louis Inc.
- Cloud's Meat Processing, Joplin
- Dallas Chapter of the Texas Chefs Association
- Ed Miniat, Inc., South Holland, Ill.
- Holiday Inn Joplin Convention Center and Spa, Joplin
- Lake Area Vocational-Technical School, Camdenton, Mo.
- L'École Culinare, St. Louis
- Metro Appliances & More, Joplin
- Northland Career Center, Platte, Mo.
- Ozark Technical Community College, Springfield, Mo.
- Sam's Club, Joplin
- Sysco, Kansas City, Mo., Dallas and corporate
- Wonder bread distributor, Joplin

above: Volunteer chefs and students at the Great Day of Service in Joplin, Mo., Sept. 25, 2011.