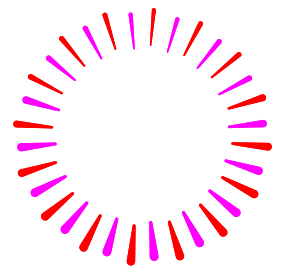




Tasting Partner Opportunities



Chefs' Night 2026

Chefs' Night is the Center for Enriched Living's (CEL) premier fundraising event, featuring culinary delights from some of Chicagoland's most beloved restaurants, chefs and beverage purveyors. The event draws more than 600 North Shore guests for a night of tasting and entertainment. The event raises money to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities.

Date: Monday, May 4, 2026

Time: Doors open at 5:30 PM

Venue: Lincolnshire Marriott Resort, Grand Marquee Pavilion

CEL - About Us

Founded in 1968, CEL is a nonprofit that empowers people with developmental disabilities to realize their greatest potential, thrive within the community, and achieve their hopes and dreams. More than 150,000 hours of year-round programs positively impact more than 475 CEL members through social enrichment, employment, continued learning, and strong connections to friends and community. CEL is a registered 501(c)(3) with a Platinum rating from the charity watchdog group, Candid.



Our mission: Enriching the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities by maximizing their opportunities for personal success, fun & friendship, employment, and community involvement.

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Join us at Chefs' Night to showcase one or more of your specialty dishes/drinks! Our Tasting Partners gain exposure to hundreds of potential new customers and at the same time, make a difference in our local community. This event seeks to raise more than \$575,000 for programs benefiting people with developmental disabilities.



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Tasting Partner Benefits

Tasting Partners are promoted throughout the event campaign to CEL's supporters, community partners, volunteers, sponsors and prospective supporters. In addition to inclusion in pre-event marketing efforts, Tasting Partners receive:

- A written acknowledgment letter for your in-kind donation of goods and services, usable for tax purposes.
- Company logo included on the Chefs' Night website.
- Promotion on the screens at the event.
- Promotion on CEL's social media channels before and after the event.



Tasting Partner Expectations

- Provide tasting-size samples of a specialty dish or cocktail, with enough samples for a crowd of 600 guests. Tasting Partners are responsible for all costs related to their food/drink item(s).
- Bring all necessary equipment to prepare and/or heat your items. This includes heating/cooling units, cutting boards, dish towels, serving pieces/utensils for serving your specialties. No open flames are allowed in the venue, though sternos are allowed.
- Staff your station and serve guests at the event. We recommend 2 staff.
- Signage, display decorations and marketing materials to handout are encouraged.

CEL will provide each Tasting Partner

- One 6 ft serving table, and one 6 ft prepping table, both skirted.
- Tabletop signage.
- Disposable serve ware (napkins, small plates, small bowls, tasting cups, and silverware).
- Assistance with load-in at the event.
- Great business exposure to a grateful crowd of current and potential customers.

For more information contact:

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Chefs' Night Past Tasting Partners

Apologue Liqueurs	FEW Spirits	P.F. Chang's
Barilla	The Fifty/50 Group	Pinstripes
Bent Fork Bakery	FTF Mobile & Toasty Cheese Food Trucks	PRP Wine International
Big Bowl	Grill House	Ravinia Brewing Co.
City Barbeque	Highland Pop	Revolution Brewing
The Claim Company	Hirsch's North Shore Private Chef and Catering	Saranello's
Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants	Lazy Dog Restaurants	Spears Bourbon Burgers Beer
Culver's	Long Grove Confectionary	Taco Vida
Deerfield-Bannockburn Firehouse	Longitud315	Three Embers
Eddie Merlot	Napolita Pizzeria & Wine Bar	Three Tarts Bakery Café
Elle's Marshmallows	North Shore Distillery	Tighthead Brewing Co.
Ema Glenview	Nothing Bundt Cakes	Tito's Handmade Vodka
Enzo and Lucia	Olive You Charcuterie	The Wild Roaster
		Wildfire