ACF Awards Central Region Chapter of the Year and Chapter Achievement Awards at 2009 Central Regional Conference

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., February 24, 2009—One Central Region American Culinary Federation, Inc. (ACF) chapter was honored as ACF Central Region Chapter of the Year, and the same chapter, along with seven others, received an ACF Chapter Achievement Award at the 2009 ACF Central Regional Conference held at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center, Schaumburg, Ill., February 21-23.

ACF Windy City Professional Culinarians, Inc., Chicago, was named ACF Central Region Chapter of the Year by ACF Central Region Vice President David Russell, CEC, AAC, for its exemplary performance within the community and to the culinary industry over the past year. In addition, Russell presented ACF Central Region Chapter Achievement Awards to chapters that have maintained or increased a strong membership; held a culinary competition, certification practical test or other ACF-approved event in the last 12 months; nominated an outstanding and dedicated member for a 2009 award; contributed to the community by participating in a fundraising function; and positively represented the chapter and ACF in the community and culinary industry.

ACF Central Region Chapter Achievement Award recipients:

- ACF Minneapolis Chefs Chapter; Minneapolis
- ACF Louis Joliet Chapter; Joliet, Ill.
- ACF Windy City Professional Culinarians, Inc.; Chicago
- ACF Greater Kansas City Chefs Association; Kansas City, Mo.
- ACF of Iowa
- ACF Chicago Chefs of Cuisine Inc.; Chicago
- Chefs de Cuisine Association of St. Louis Inc.; St. Louis

Just 30 miles from Chicago’s big-city attractions and world-class dining options, Schaumburg, Ill., was the location of the 2009 ACF Central Regional Conference hosted by ACF Chicago Chefs of Cuisine, Inc. Bringing more than 400 chefs, cooks and foodservice professionals to the city, the conference provided -more-
attendees with numerous opportunities to advance their professional development and enhance their culinary skills through informative business seminars, forums and cooking demonstrations featuring the latest trends and techniques. In addition, the conference offered participants the opportunity to compete in several cooking competitions.

Sponsors of the 2009 ACF Central Regional Conference and ACF national award sponsors are: American Lamb Board; Barber Foods; Barry Callebaut; Beef Information Center; Bon Chef, Inc.; Bunge Oils; Butterball Farms, Inc.; Canada Cutlery Inc.; Carbon’s Golden Malted; Cargill Salt; Central Region State Beef Councils; The Cheesecake Factory Bakery Inc.; Clabber Girl Corporation; Consumer Packing Company; Custom Culinary, Inc.; Enviro-Solutions; Federation of Quebec Maple Syrup Producers; GFF, Inc./Girard's Dressings; Gordon Food Service; Illinois Crown Beef; Kendall College School of Culinary Arts; Labriola; Le Cordon Bleu Schools North America; Mexican Hass Avocado Importers Association; Michigan Sea Grant/Great Lakes Whitefish; Mind's Eye Resource Management, LLC; National Honey Board; The National Pork Board and America’s Pork Producers; Nestlé Professional; NewChef Fashion Inc.; Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats; Pearson Education; QUALISOY in partnership with the Soyfoods Council; R.L. Schreiber, Inc.; Reinhart FoodService; Ronnoco Coffee Company; Rubbermaid Commercial Products; Splenda®; Sysco-Chicago; Tyson Food Service; Unilever Foodsolutions; US Foodservice; Vita-Mix; and the 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. For more information, visit www.acfchefs.org.

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