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LIBERTY'S KITCHEN COME GROW WITH US

CHEF SHOWDOWN

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Liberty's Kitchen Annual Come Grow With Us Chef Showdown!

New Orleans, Louisiana On September 15th, Liberty's Kitchen will host its **Seventh Annual Come Grow With Us Chef Showdown at the Ace Hotel**. The Patron Party begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by the gala from 8:00 - 11:00. The sold out event will feature Liberty's Kitchen trainees working alongside 20 of New Orleans' top chefs to compete for the titles of *Best Presentation*, *Most Creative*, and *Best in Show*. This year's gala will honor **Jeff Gulotta** with The 2017 Youth Advocate Award and Liberty's Kitchen graduates Nadja Sampson and Da'Mon (Tumma) Keelen with the 2017 Janet Gorence Davas Youth Achievement Award.

We're celebrating youth potential with an amazing night of fun, food, and friends featuring music by **T-Ray the Violinist and DJ RQ Away**, a live auction with unique culinary and travel experiences, and more!

Liberty's Kitchen Executive Director David Emond reflects, "Now in its seventh year, Come Grow With Us is a great opportunity for us to pause and celebrate the success of our young people as we raise critical funds to support the growth of Liberty's Kitchen. We are grateful to the Ace Hotel, Domain Companies, and so many friends in the community who have stepped up to make this year's event our best yet." Come for the impact; stay for the party. All proceeds benefit workforce training, leadership development, and healthy school meals for New Orleans youth.

About Liberty's Kitchen

Liberty's Kitchen creates pathways for New Orleans youth to create and achieve their vision of success through workforce training, leadership development, and support of healthy lifestyles. Since our founding in 2009, we have trained over 600 disconnected youth in life skills and foodservice-based workforce development. In 2010, we launched our School Nutrition Program, which to date has provided over two million freshly prepared, healthy meals to local charter schools and day cares, serving as an innovative supply chain intervention that improves the health of New Orleans school children through nutritious food that also tastes great. In 2016, we launched our Youth Leadership Program, extending youth services to a full year and providing access to leadership development opportunities for Liberty's Kitchen graduates.

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