



May 2019

CHEFS Gala 2019 Was a Hit!

CHEFS Gala 2019, our 15th annual fundraiser was a great success! We are thrilled to share that due to the generosity of our gala supporters, including our 420 attendees, nearly \$275,000 was raised to support ECS and expand economic opportunities for students in the CHEFS (Conquering Homelessness through Employment in Food Services) program. CHEFS provides homeless and very low-income students the opportunity to complete a 10- to 12-week culinary training program and work with an employment specialist for job placement and ongoing support services. This holistic and tailored approach empowers every participant to learn marketable skills that are in high demand in San Francisco's booming food service industry.

The gala was held at Bespoke in the Wesfield San Francisco Centre and included 21 of the Bay Area's best restaurants, wineries, and breweries which shared delicious bites, desserts, and beverages. The program was emceed by internationally acclaimed Master Chef and cookbook author Martin Yan, and the lively auction was led by Emmy Award-winning radio/TV host Liam Mayclem. Speakers Senator Scott Wiener, Supervisor Matt Haney, and SF Director of Homelessness and Supportive Housing Je Kositsky recognized ECS and its mission for the people of San Francisco, and the leadership of Executive Director Beth Stokes, who shared some of ECS's vision for the future.

"The CHEFS Gala is an important event for us every year, as it provides critically needed support to our CHEFS program," says Beth Stokes. "At ECS, we recognize that learning the tools to achieve

Gala Spotlight



financial independence is an essential component on the path from homelessness to permanent housing. Everyone who supported this event has played an invaluable part in the fight against homelessness. Thank you to our CHEFS Gala Committee, with the leadership of Gala Chair and Board member Kirby Brooks Todd, our volunteers, the participating restaurants, and all of our guests for making this such a successful event."

During the Gala, we premiered a new video, "**David's Story**," featuring CHEFS graduate David Breece who was unemployed and experiencing homelessness when he first heard about ECS's CHEFS Program. After graduating from the CHEFS Program, David is now employed as a cook for Project Open Hand and no longer homeless.

For more details about the Gala, go to **CHEFS Gala 2019** (<http://ecs-sf.org/events>). To look at the event picture gallery, go to **CHEFS Gala 2019 Photo Gallery** (<https://ecs-sf.org/2019-chefs-gala-photos>). Also, follow us on our **Facebook** page and **Twitter** for more event highlights and other information about ECS.

For those who may not have had an opportunity to support this Gala, we **Welcome your support** (<https://ecs-sf.org/donate>).

Thank you to our sponsors: **Event Production Sponsor:** Bash Creative; **Executive Chef:** CPMC/Sutter Health; **Chef De Partie:** Zendesk; **Gourmet Chef Council:** Bi-Rite; **Guest Chef:** Airbnb, BiRite Food Service Distributors, Cahill, Caritas Property Management, Heffernan Insurance Brokers, Kaiser Permanente, Bruce and Deborah MacLeod, Union Bank, and The Green Cross; **Culinary Innovator:** American Mechanical, Inc., Brookfield Properties, Community Economics, Herman Coliver Locus Architects, Hood & Strong, Susan Ketchum and Anne Casscells, PES Environmental, Silicon Valley Bank, and Twitch; **Neighborhood Partners:** Richard Barker, Richard Gill and Emma Stewart, Good Job Brothers Janitorial, James E. Roberts-Obayashi Corporation, Keller & Benvenuti LLP, Gordon Leong and Yvonne Tatsuno, Mercy Housing, Miller's Rest, NFP Insurance Services, San Francisco Federal Credit Union, The Rev. Dr. Susanne Singer and David Singer, Speakeasy Strategies, Richard and Jane Springwater, Vanessa Vun, and Xantrion. **Event Services Sponsors:** iMobileDJs and Tonic Beverage Catering.

Thank you to our participating restaurants and beverage purveyors: Andytown Coffee Roasters, Bi-Rite Family of Businesses, Bonny Doon Vineyard, Boulevard, Delina and Pizzeria Delina, DOSA, E & O Kitchen and Bar, ECS CHEFS, Liholiho Yacht Club and Louie's Gen-Gen Room, Lolo, Maven, Media Noche, Mitchell's Ice Cream, M.Y. China, Nopa, Nopalito, Octavia and Frances, Palio, Petrichor Wines, Pond Farm Brewing Co., Ridge Vineyard, Rooh, and Sorrel.

To see a full list of the many generous auction donors, please go to CHEFS Gala 2019.



Staff Spotlight



Welcome, Chris Calladrillo

Earlier this spring, Episcopal Community Services had the honor of welcoming Chris Calladrillo as Chief Operating Officer (COO). Chris comes to ECS with more than 20 years of experience in the administration of programs and services for people experiencing homelessness, including families and children, single adults, seniors, Transitional Aged Youth, and those affected by HIV/AIDS. Prior to relocating to San Francisco for this position, Chris served as Director of Programs at the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Before that, he worked with Catholic Charities of San Francisco for 14 years. Chris holds a bachelor's degree in English from UC Berkeley, as well as a master's degree in Education from Stanford University.

"Chris's extensive knowledge and rich experience make him an ideal choice as COO," says Executive Director Beth Stokes. "He is a visionary leader and welcome addition to ECS."

CHEFS Kitchen Catering Website Is Now Available

Need treats for a meeting? Planning a lunch? Hosting a reception or special event? We invite you to use our very own **CHEFS Kitchen Catering** to provide the meals, snacks, or hors d'oeuvres. You and your guests will not only appreciate the delectable food, but also the knowledge that this catering has helped support those experiencing homelessness to receive the culinary arts training needed to set them on the path to employment and a career.

CHEFS Kitchen Catering gives customers access to complete menu options, pricing, and order placement.

Our CHEFS are ready to provide delicious options for your next activity. To review the menu and place your order, go to:

CHEFS Kitchen Catering (<https://chefskitchenonline.org>)

This new online presence was made possible by a generous grant from Federal Home Loan Bank's **AHEAD** program and sponsorship from Silicon Valley Bank.

Website Spotlight



Board Member Spotlight



ECS Welcomes New Board Members

The Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark-King serves as Executive Pastor and Canon for Social Justice at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. She was one of the first women ordained as a priest in the United Kingdom and holds a Ph.D. in theology and spirituality from Lancaster University (U.K.). Dr. Clark-King notes, "I had no hesitation with saying a very enthusiastic 'Yes' when invited to be on the ECS Board. I have only been in San Francisco for two years, but that is time enough both to see the desperate need of those who live on the streets and to recognize the excellence of ECS's response. Grace Cathedral was deeply involved in the foundation of ECS and it is very meaningful to the whole community there for this connection to continue."

Susan Ketcham has long been actively involved in the field of homeless services. Early in her career, Susan worked as a shelter staff member in Boston and she has remained engaged with this issue throughout her career. As CFO and administrator, Susan has worked for both for-profit and non-profit settings and cares deeply about helping an organization grow. Susan shares why she was inspired to join the board: "ECS is innovative in its work with navigation centers, workforce development programs, and by taking the lead role in Coordinated Entry Systems. This work is both innovative and informed by decades of staff experience in the field. The work of ECS is outstanding, and brings renewed hope to those experiencing homelessness."

Meet Eddie and Josie Cundangan

Our senior volunteers make the Canon Kip Senior Center an extra special place. Two of our volunteers, Eddie and Josie Cundangan, have proven invaluable to everyone at the Center. They participate in the program every day, pitching in wherever they can. They help serve lunch, run the BINGO games, assist in setting up and facilitating the Food Pantry on Tuesdays, and so much more. Josie explains: "I can't just come here to eat lunch. I need to do something to help." And help she does, along with her husband Eddie, with whom she celebrated 50 years of marriage in January. Most days, when Eddie and Josie walk into the Center, they immediately start doing whatever needs to be done for all participants to have a good time that day. They have said many times that they consider the Center to be their second home, and the Canon Kip Senior Center would not be the same without them.

Volunteer Spotlight



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