



**Join West Hartford's "Celebrity Chefs" as they don chefs' aprons
for an evening of food sampling, fun and silent auction to benefit the
Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools!**

Saturday, March 20, 2010

6:00 - 8:30 pm

West Hartford Town Hall Auditorium

Benefactor: \$100 per person

Patron: \$50 per person
(\$60 at the door)

Honorary Chair **Kristi Luetjen**, Kindergarten
teacher at Whiting Lane Elementary
School and the Connecticut 2010
Teacher of the Year.

Celebrity Chefs

Tim Brennan
Beth Bye
Harry Captain
Judy Casperson
Jerry Cogan
Kim Collison
Tom Condon
Kevin Connors
Nancy DePalma

Dave Dippolino
Bill Dorsey
Rob Durbin
Angelo & Tani Faenza
Jonathan Harris
Mark Jahne
Plato Karafelis
Elin Katz
Clare Kindall

Essie Labrot
Karen List
Naogan Ma
Juan Melian
Tom Moore
Andy Morrow
Diane Mudge
Bill & Jack Newman
Richard Patrissi

Bruce Putterman
Michael Renkawitz
Rob Rowson
Terry Schmitt
Scott Slifka
Kevin Sullivan
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The Foundation *for* West Hartford Public Schools

The Foundation *for* West Hartford Public Schools supports innovative educational initiatives that enhance and promote the excellence of West Hartford Public Schools.

Since 1997, when the FWHPS was established as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, we have invested over \$900,000 back into the classroom experience from kindergarten through high school. Some grants have supported teacher mini-grants or In-Residence programs, while others have supported pilot programs, such as a full-day public pre-school.

Last year we awarded 49 grants representing more than \$59,618 in supplemental funds for projects and residencies during the 2009-2010 school year. We are most grateful to our supporters for making this possible.

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The Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools' mission is to provide financial support for educational projects, programs, and initiatives that will enhance and promote the excellence of the public schools of West Hartford, Connecticut. The Foundation's role is to distribute supplemental funds that provide teachers with a way to try out a new concept, enhance a part of the existing curriculum, or otherwise strengthen the learning process in the classroom.

The Foundation holds an annual fundraiser called **West Hartford Cookin'** at the Town Hall. This year the event, *Spring Splash*, is being held **March 20th, 2010**. It is a fun evening featuring local "celebrity chefs" preparing their favorite foods. This year's Guest of Honor is **Kristi Luetjen, Kindergarten teacher at Whiting Lane Elementary School, and the Connecticut 2010 Teacher of the Year**. A live and silent auction are also a part of the event.

You might be asking, how can I help or contribute? There are many ways in which you can participate in **West Hartford Cookin'**. You can attend the event in March (see the invitation attached). You can ask your company to sponsor our event by donating a corporate sponsorship through Donna Colliton at Krol@aol.com. You can also participate in our silent auction by donating an item. Last year, we were given donations such as restaurant gift certificates, themed baskets, jewelry, home-based business items, sports items, spa treatments, salon gift certificates and art work. If you would like to help the foundation by donating an item please contact, **Joan Karas 860-712-8161**, to make a donation. Your donation can help your kids at Sedgwick enjoy fun and educational programs that are tough to fund in tight budgetary years!

The Foundation encourages teachers to apply for grants ranging from \$200 to \$3,000 for a project that will enhance student experience, complement the curriculum and demonstrate educational merit. In the past few years, these are some of the grants that your school has received:

Sedgwick Middle School

Mr. & Mrs. David Dupee Grant

Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher
Stowe--Affecting Social Change
\$2,000

Whole Foods Market Grant

GPS: Geography Promotes Success
\$1,200

Day, Pitney, LLP Grant

Live Raptor Program with Associated
Literature \$1,150

Thomas Ford Memorial Grant

21st -Century Skills and Learning in
Science \$2,000

"I Want My MP3": Improving Literacy
through Audiobooks \$665

"Clicking" To Improve Student
Learning \$1,310

Reading Counts: A Computer-Based
Independent Reading System \$1,700

Beth & Kevin Grenham Grant in

Honor of Sherry Stohler

Live Raptor and Falconry Program
\$1,100

Reid & Riege, PC Grant

Black History Month Activities - A
Unique Cultural Experience \$750

Margaret & Adrian Selby Grant

Ancient Japanese Clay Firing
Techniques \$2,000

**Aller Family Grant in Honor of Hugh
& Benjamin Aller**

Shakespeare Performance and
Interactive \$2,950

Beatrice K. Cramer Memorial Grant

Steps to Independence: Teaching
Everyday Skills to Children through
Cooking \$1,100

Classroom Performance System
(CPS) "Clickers" \$1,500

Flip Video Camcorder for "Book Talks"
and Classroom Discussions \$150

Summer Independent Reading Books
\$400

Enhancing the use of an Interactive
Smartboard \$399

Editing Aloud \$506

TV Studio in a Box \$2,000

Bridging to the Future \$500

Helping At-Risk Readers Improve
Reading Fluency \$530

Adventure Based Training Fostering
Social Emotional Learning \$1,195

We would appreciate any help and support you would like to give.

Thanks,

Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools

West Hartford's Cookin' Response Card

Yes, I wish to attend and will purchase the following number of tickets: *Reservations will be listed at the door.*

\$50 Patron _____ (qty.) \$100 Benefactor _____ (qty.)

I cannot attend, but please accept my donation of \$_____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Guests: _____

Please make checks payable to "Foundation *for* West Hartford Public Schools" or fill in credit card information below. Please mail payment with this card in the enclosed envelope to The Foundation *for* West Hartford Public Schools, 50 S. Main Street, Room 420, West Hartford, CT 06107.

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VISA Mastercard American Express

Name as it appears on the card: _____

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Expiration date: _____

Billing address w/zipcode: _____

For more information, please call 561-8755