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**Third Annual Chiefs Cooking For Kids Fundraiser for The Youth Connection
Set for October 8th at Max Fisher Theater**

Event hosted by The Youth Connection will feature local police and fire chiefs in a battle to see whose recipe is best and who will be named the 2015 Metro Detroit Chief Chef.

October 6, 2015, Detroit, MI – Join sixteen of Metro-Detroit’s finest top brass in a chief’s cook-off competition in support of area youth. Metropolitan Detroit Chiefs of Police, Fire and other public safety agencies will don chef aprons and hats on Thursday, October 8th from 6-9 p.m. in support of Detroit’s youth at the Max Fisher Music Theater in Detroit. Enjoy an evening of great food, fun and music, and elect who will be crowned Metro-Detroit’s 2015 Chief Chef.

Event co-chairs Byna Elliott, Senior Vice President of Fifth Third Bank, and Tonya Allen, CEO of the Skillman Foundation, and Janice Cosby Bridges, Vice President, Ascension, invite you to an evening of fine food, fabulous shopping, and music provided by 313 The Live Experience. A silent auction to benefit The Youth Connection will be held during the event with a wide variety of items for sale.

Chiefs Cooking 4 Kids brings together a wide range of law enforcement and fire officials’ favorite recipes in a community-wide effort to raise money for The Youth Connection, a non-profit 501(c)3 agency that connects our youth to a brighter future. The Chief whose dish gets the most votes will be crowned the winner and will receive the title of Metropolitan Detroit’s “Chief Chef.”

Participating Chiefs include:

Chief John Adams – Inkster Fire Department
Andrew Arena – Detroit Crime Commission
Chief James Craig – Detroit Police Department
Special Agent in Charge David Gelios – Federal Bureau of Investigation
Chief Gary Hagler – Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Chief Eric Hawkins – Southfield Police Department
Chief Anthony Holt – Wayne State University Police Department
Commissioner Edsel Jenkins – Detroit Fire Department
Chief Josh Meier – Canton Fire Department
Sheriff Benny Napoleon – Wayne County Sheriff’s Department
Deputy Chief Debra Newsome – Canton Police Department
Grand Chief Ted Roll – Wyandot of Anderdon Nation
Ambassador Joseph Thomas – United States Army Reserve
Chief Barry White – Southfield Fire Department

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Chief Shadd Whitehead – Livonia Fire Department

Chief Paul Wilk – Hamtramck Fire Department

Please contact Jeff Griffith at (313) 826-7099 or visit www.theyouthconnection.org for more information. Chiefs Cooking for Kids is being sponsored in part by Fifth Third Bank, Skillman Foundation, St. John Providence Health System, Molina Healthcare, Kellerin Equipment Sales, Suburban Collection Showplace, and the Legal Aid and Defender Association. Additional sponsorships for the event are still being accepted.

Tickets, at \$75 each, can be purchased by visiting www.theyouthconnection.org or calling Jeff Griffith at (313) 826-7099. The tickets are tax deductible as allowed by law.

About The Youth Connection: *The Youth Connection is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to connecting our youth to a brighter future through career exploration, job training, internships, after-school programs and academic assistance for metropolitan Detroit area youth. For more information about The Youth Connection, visit www.theyouthconnection.org.*

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