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**First Ever Chiefs Cooking For Kids Fundraiser for The Youth Connection  
Set for December 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Metro Detroit's Chief Chef.*

**November 20, 2013, Detroit, MI** – Join some of Metro-Detroit's finest top brass in a chief's cook-off competition in support of area youth. Enjoy an evening of great food, fun and music, and elect who will be crowned Metro-Detroit's 2013 Chief Chef. More than a dozen metropolitan Detroit Chiefs of Police, Fire and other public safety agencies will don chef's aprons on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-11 p.m. in support of Detroit's youth at the Max Theater in Detroit.

Event co-chairs Byna Elliott, Senior Vice President of Fifth Third Bank, and Tonya Allen, CEO of the Skillman Foundation, invite you to an evening of fine food, fabulous shopping, and music provided by 313 The Live Experience. Senator Carl Levin is also an honorary co-chair of the event.

**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."

"Fifth Third Bank is deeply committed to the community," said event co-chair Byna Elliott. "While providing financial services is our primary business, our commitment is much broader than banking. We have a vested interest in building strong viable communities and ensuring our youth a bright future. As a lifelong Detroiter, being involved with The Youth Connection and Chiefs Cooking for Kids is also personal for me. The Youth Connection provides youth career development opportunities and exposure that will help guide them in making positive career and life choices."

Participating Chiefs include:

**Andrew Arena** – *Detroit Crime Commission*  
**Commissioner Donald Austin** – *Detroit Fire Department*  
**Chief Kevin Coney** – *Highland Park Police Department*  
**Chief M. Garbarino, J.D.** – *Hamtramck Police Department*  
**Chief Rodrick Grimes** – *Detroit Public Schools Police Department*  
**Chief Ronald Haddad** – *Dearborn Police Department*  
**Chief Eric Hawkins** – *Southfield Police Department*  
**Chief Derrick Hillman** – *Highland Park Fire Department*  
**Chief Anthony Holt** – *Wayne State University Police Department*  
**Chief Skip McAdams** – *Warren Fire Department*

**Sheriff Benny Napoleon** – *Wayne County Sheriff's Department*

**Chief Keith Rowley** – *Southfield Fire Department*

**Commissioner Donnell White** – *Detroit Police Department*

**Chief Shadd Whitehead** – *Livonia Fire Department*

Please contact Jeff Griffith at (313) 826-7099 or visit [www.theyouthconnection.org](http://www.theyouthconnection.org) for more information. Chiefs Cooking for Kids is being sponsored in part by Fifth Third Bank, St. John Providence Health System, and Molina Healthcare.

Tickets, at \$75 each, can be purchased by visiting [www.theyouthconnection.org](http://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](http://www.theyouthconnection.org).*

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