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**Second Annual Chiefs Cooking For Kids Fundraiser for The Youth Connection  
Set for October 2<sup>nd</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 the 2014 Metro Detroit Chief Chef.*

**September 11, 2014, Detroit, MI** – Join seventeen 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 2014 Chief Chef. Metropolitan Detroit Chiefs of Police, Fire and other public safety agencies will don chef aprons and hats on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-9 p.m. in support of Detroit's youth at the Max Fisher Music 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. 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:****Paul Abbate** - TYC Board of Directors**Andrew Arena** - Detroit Crime Commission**Chief Stacy Brackens** - Detroit Public Schools**Chief James Craig** - Detroit Police Department**Colonel Kriste Kibbey Etue** - Michigan State Police**Chief Max Garbarino, J.D.** - Hamtramck Police Department**Chief Eric Hawkins** - Southfield Police Department**Chief Anthony Holt** - Wayne State University Police Department**Asst. Chief Lashinda Houser** - Detroit Police Department**Commissioner Edsel Jenkins** - Detroit Fire Department**First Lieutenant David Malloch** - Dept. of Natural Resources**Chief Rich Marinucci** - Northville Fire Department**Chief Skip McAdams** - Warren Fire Department**Director Paul Myszenski** - Centerline Public Safety**Chief Keith Rowley** - Southfield Fire Department

**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](http://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, City of Detroit Recreation Department, Suburban Collection Showplace, Michigan State Fair, FBI – Detroit Field Office, Detroit Crime Commission, RJ's Old Tyme Meat Shoppe, Randy's Sausage Shop, and Apollo Market Place.

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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