



**Thursday, June 11, 2026
4 – 8 p.m.
Henry Ford Hospital, E&R Tennis Court**

We are thrilled to welcome you to join us as a chef at Henry Ford Hospital's popular taste fest, *The Grand Cookout!*

Please join us for this fun-filled event that showcases the culinary talents of ALL employees from Henry Ford Health and partner companies across Southeastern Michigan.

Henry Ford team members and families, alongside our corporate partners, are invited to support this year's event and participate in a package raffle, while enjoying great food, drinks, entertainment and so much more.

The Grand Cookout supports the **Tom Groth Patient Medical Needs Fund** by providing medications, transportation, equipment, medical supplies, and social services to our Henry Ford Health patients in need.

Event Schedule

- 12:00 – 3 p.m.** **Chefs arrive for set up/prep/cooking**
- 4 – 5 p.m.** **Judging and VIP reception**
- 5 p.m.** **General admission opens**
- 6:15 p.m.** **Sponsor recognition and awards presentation**
- 7 p.m.** **Package raffle winning tickets drawn**
- 8 p.m.** **Event ends**

Calling ALL Chefs!

The Grand Cookout invites YOU to join us!

Show your love for all things
COUNTRY WESTERN THEMED!

Themed dishes, costumes and table decorations are encouraged.

Judges will give awards to the best:

- Appetizer
- Entrée
- Dessert
- Costumes/Table Décor
- LiveWell Award-see pg. 4 for more info

CHEF INFORMATION *Please read carefully*

- There will be a **Chef Check-in/Check-out Service Area** to ensure that you receive the supplies you ordered and return what should be returned. **Please be VERY specific as to what you are bringing with you and what you need.** Supplies (and space) are limited and ordered prior to the event based on what is requested.
- Each chef team will receive ONE eight-foot table to serve from and ONE eight-foot table behind their table for prep. Space is limited and additional tables and/or space will not be provided on the day of the event.
- This is a **tasting**; only serve **bite-size portions** (Recommended: 400-600 servings or more of 2 to 3.5-ounce portions, no more than 1-2 bites).
- 10 Grills are available and are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. **Propane tanks will be provided.**
- Please reference the Chef Commitment Form (below) for supplies we can provide. Only certain items are available. Supplies such as **servicing spoons, knives, cutting boards, can opener, blenders, grilling utensils**



etc. will not be provided. You are responsible for all other equipment and serving materials not offered.

- You will need something to serve your food from. Remember to include chafing dishes on your order if you need to keep food warm. If you request chafing dishes, please request gas burners (2 burners required per chafing dish).
- To facilitate timely cleanup, please complete all cooking by 7:30 p.m. Please clean your area, you will be required to check-out with a chef runner before departure to ensure all rental equipment is accounted for.
- In the occurrence of event cancelation, HFH will not be responsible for reimbursement of any materials, supplies, or ingredients purchased by individual chefs or teams.

Chef Participation

Who can participate as a chef?

- ANY Henry Ford Health team member or corporate representative of partner companies (chefs are no longer required to be male- everyone is invited to participate)
- Individual chefs or chef teams
- **Please limit chef teams to a maximum of five chefs due to space**

What you need to prepare:

- 400 servings (or more) of 2 to 3.5-ounce portions (tasting size - no more than 2 bites)
 - **No alcohol can be served at your chef stations**

When and where we need you:

- Thursday, June 11, 2026
- Henry Ford Hospital's Main Campus, E & R Tennis Court
- Chef check-in and set-up begins at 12:00 p.m.
- Be ready for judging and the VIP reception at 4:00 p.m.
- Event opens for general admission at 5:00 p.m.
- Chefs **DO NOT** need a ticket for the event

How to sign up:

- Complete Chef Commitment Form. Please complete **all** required data before submitting. Only one form is required per team. Please write LEGIBLY as information and team members' names will be transferred to the day of signage.

Deadline: Friday, May 29, 2026

Serving Supplies Provided:

***We are only able to provide what is requested by chefs on the Chef Commitment Form - please be specific ***



Bowl



Gas Grill with propane



Round plate



Forks, Knives, Spoons, Napkins



Chafing dishes and burners
(2 burners required per dish-please specify on commitment form)

HENRY FORD LIVEWELL

You're invited to enter as a LiveWell Chef Team!

To qualify, your dish should have:

- less than 10% calories from saturated fat
- less than 200 mg sodium per serving for appetizers/side dishes
- less than 500 mg sodium per serving for main entrée

*Email your recipe to see if it's LiveWell approved! Recipes must be submitted and include approximate breakdown of ingredients and serving size/number of servings no later than **Friday, May 15, 2026***

Need help getting started? Try these LiveWell approved recipes, which feature how-to videos:

- Oven-Fried Chicken Bites
 - [Oven-Fried Chicken Bites With Tangy Dill Dip | Henry Ford Health - Detroit, MI](#)
- Apple Walnut Bread
 - [Apple Walnut Bread Recipe | Henry Ford Health - Detroit, MI](#)
- Cocoa-Date Truffles
 - [Cocoa-Date Truffles Recipe | Henry Ford Health - Detroit, MI](#)
- Heart Smart Guacamole
 - [Easy Heart Smart® Guacamole Recipe | Henry Ford Health - Detroit, MI](#)
- Jicama-Mango Salad with Spicy Lime Vinaigrette
 - [Jicama-Mango Salad With Spicy Lime Vinaigrette Recipe | Henry Ford Health - Detroit, MI](#)
- Fish Tacos with Avocado Cilantro Sauce
 - [Fish Tacos With Avocado-Cilantro Sauce Recipe | Henry Ford Health - Detroit, MI](#)
- Vegetarian Stuffed Mushrooms
 - [Vegetarian Stuffed Mushrooms Recipe & Video | Henry Ford Health - Detroit, MI](#)
- Chicken Fajitas
 - [Sheet-Pan Chicken Fajitas Recipe | Henry Ford Health - Detroit, MI](#)
- Southwest Salad with Creamy Sriracha
 - [Southwest Chopped Salad With Creamy Sriracha Dressing | Henry Ford Health - Detroit, MI](#)

All recipes must be submitted to alidste1@hfhs.org for approval no later than Friday, May 15, 2026

CHEF COMMITMENT FORM

Deadline: Friday, May 29, 2026

Please return forms to Amber Lidster at alidste1@hfhs.org

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Additional Team Member Name(s): _____

Department(s) or Company Name: _____

Email: _____ Event Day Phone: _____

I have participated as a chef for the last ____ year(s)

CHEF TEAM SUPPLY REQUESTS

Please be VERY specific as to what you are bringing with you and what you need. Supplies are limited and ordered prior to the event based on what is requested. Additional space/supplies/tables will not be available the day of the event

Name of your dish: _____

Category that best describes your dish:

Appetizer Entrée Dessert

I am entering to be in the LiveWell Award category:

Yes (recipe attached to be analyzed) No

Serving containers Needed:

Bowls Plates None

Serving Utensils Needed:

Forks Spoons Knives None

*Hand cleaning supplies, additional sanitizing stations, and sanitizer will all be provided

Cooking Equipment Needed:

Chafing Dishes Needed: _____ Gas Burner (2 per chafing dish): _____

Extension Cord(s) Qty. _____ Grill

Please list any additional cooking equipment you are bringing that needs floor and/or table space:

**** All ingredients and cooking utensils to be provided by Chefs****

How to receive a tax-deductible receipt for the food and supplies you purchased:

- Save your receipts
- Complete and submit the Gift-In-Kind form below. You must complete and sign the form and attach receipts to receive a non-cash contribution receipt.
- Forms due to Amber Lidster (alidste1@hfs.org) by Friday, October 29, 2026

Thank you for your support!



Development Office Gift In-Kind [GIK] Contribution Form

1 Ford Place, 5A
Detroit, MI 48202-3450

Tax ID #: 38-1357020

Donor Name: _____ Gift Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Detailed Description of Contribution:

Donor's Estimated Fair Market Value of Contribution: _____

Signature of Donor: _____ Date: _____

[Required if donor does not provide documentation on the value of their gift in the form of an invoice, letter]

*Note to Donor:

Henry Ford Health System gratefully acknowledges your in-kind contribution. This contribution is accepted, without reservation, for Henry Ford Health System's use, resale, or disposal. Henry Ford Health System has not provided any goods or services to you in consideration for your contribution.

The following information pertaining to your in-kind contribution is being provided for your convenience and does not constitute legal advice on behalf of Henry Ford Health System or their employees. **You are strongly encouraged to consult your tax advisor and refer to the IRS guidelines.**

To claim a tax deduction for in-kind gifts valued...

- Less than \$500, refer to IRS Form 1040, Schedule A.
- Between \$500 and \$5,000, the donor must complete Part 1 of IRS Form 8232.
- \$5,000 or greater, the donor must:
- Complete ALL parts of IRS Form 8232 and submit the completed form to the Henry Ford Health System Office of Philanthropy for signature.
- Submit a certified appraisal dated no more than 60 days from the date of the donation. The appraisal must be prepared, signed and dated by a qualified, third-party appraiser.

The value of any item, regardless of the amount, is used for internal gift reporting purposes only – Henry Ford Health System is unable to include the estimated value on a donor receipt. It is the responsibility of the donor to substantiate the fair market value for their own tax purposes.

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