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CHOPS

an event by  **West Side** Community Services

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ABOUT US

West Side Community Services is located at **161 Vermont Street, Buffalo, NY 14213** on Buffalo's West Side. The organization offers services to the local community that especially focus on youth and senior resilience, social interaction, mental and physical wellness, local/healthy food access, prosocial behavior development, drug/alcohol/violence prevention, and education.

2024 DATA



at Provisions 139
food pantry.



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through after-school and
teen programs, summer
camp, free events, etc.



through West Side Seniors,
Saturday Academies,
classes, parties, and more.

2025 EVENT RECAP

Six local chefs competed in our 2nd annual West Side Chops fundraiser. Chefs were challenged to create vegetarian dishes that utilized four required ingredients selected from our food pantry shelves.

We welcomed 200 people to the 2025 event and **raised over \$26,000.**

2026 EVENT DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Time: 5:30-8 p.m.

Location: Forbes Theater @ 500 Pearl St.

Anticipated attendance: 250

Competing chefs: 6

Judges: 3

Guests will vote on the People's Choice Chef, while the judges will crown a Judges' Choice Chef.



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2026 TICKET TYPES

Standard

- Sample from each chef (6)
- Additional hors d'oeuvres
- 1 drink ticket (beer/wine/soda)
- 1 vote for People's Choice Chef

VIP

Everything on a standard ticket, plus:

- 2nd drink ticket
- Commemorative recipe booklet featuring favorite home recipes of our competing chefs
- Specialty culinary gifts from local producers

VIP Saffron (Executive Chef sponsor only)

Everything on a VIP ticket, plus:

- Your 15 guests get exclusive balcony seating with private bar, hors d'oeuvres buffet, and restrooms



2026 SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

| | PÂTISSIERE \$1,000 | SAUCIER \$2,500 | SOUS CHEF \$5,000 | CHEF DE CUISINE \$7,500 | EXECUTIVE CHEF \$10,000 <i>exclusive</i> |
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| BENEFITS | | | | | |
| Tickets to West Side Chops event | 2 STANDARD | 2 VIP | 4 VIP | 6 VIP | 15 VIP SAFFRON |
| Recognition on event web page with link to your site | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Recognition on day-of event signage | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Verbal appreciation of your sponsorship by emcee during event | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Logo on recipe book provided to VIP guests and pantry customers | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Recognition on all print marketing materials, social media assets, and promo video | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Stand-up banner displayed at event (provided by your business) | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Opportunity to add branded swag or print material to VIP bags (provided by your business) | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Named as presenting sponsor in e-newsletter | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Named as a presenting sponsor in event press release | | | | ✓ | ✓ |

Underwriting Opportunities: If you are unable to join us for the event, but would still like to support, we have the following underwriting opportunities available. Your generosity will be recognized on the event webpage and on signage at the event.

Bar Sponsor - \$500

Support the delicious alcoholic and non-alcoholic drink options our guests will enjoy.

Chef Sponsor - \$750

Support one of our competing chefs and help them strive for the coveted Judges' Award or People's Choice Award!

To register as a sponsor/underwriter, please contact Crystal Selk - cselk@wscsbuffalo.org.