



## **Canadian Culinary Federation hosts “Home Sweet Home” Gingerbread Competition to benefit Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario**

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Local London Chefs and the Canadian Culinary Federation (CCFCC) have come together to create fantastic Gingerbread Houses with proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario. Four Points by Sheraton Executive Chef, and President of the CCFCC, Mike Pitre has launched the event and through donations collected by voting and auctioning off the homes, this initiative will raise funds to benefit Habitat.

“We would love it if the public would come out and see these one of a kind gingerbread houses,” said Jeff Duncan, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario, “We are grateful to Mike and the CCFCC for organizing this, and we are very excited to see the masterpieces in gingerbread that will come from each of the Chefs!”

The details of the event are below:

**Who:**

The Canadian Culinary Foundation (CCFCC) – a variety of local chefs will be taking part in this fundraiser.

**What:**

1<sup>st</sup> annual “Home Sweet Home”, a gingerbread house contest supporting Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario.

Categories include:

- \*Professional (chefs, bakers, restaurateurs)
- \*Junior (college, high school age)
- \*School age (elementary to middle school)
- \*Family (anyone)
- \*People’s Choice

**When:**

Judging occurs Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>; 1 pm at Four Points by Sheraton. Houses will be on display between December 1<sup>st</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Where:** Four Points by Sheraton, 1150 Wellington Road

**How:**

People will gather Monday December 1 at 1 pm to witness the judging. Judges including Kate Wright from 98.1 FreeFM and Jeff Duncan, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario will be there to judge. Cookies, coffee and hot chocolate will be served.

**For More information contact:**

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**About the CCFCC**

The goal of the Canadian Culinary Federation is to unite chefs and cooks across Canada in a common dedication to professional excellence. The Canadian Culinary Federation (CCF) was founded in 1963 and incorporated in Ottawa as a non-profit association in 1972. Since its inception, the federation has enjoyed a deep and long-standing tradition as Canada's true representation of the professional chef and cook.

**About Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario**

Habitat for Humanity Heartland Ontario sells homes to low-income partner families at zero interest as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty in Oxford, Middlesex, Elgin and Perth Counties. The Habitat ReStore retail operation funds the administration and operations of Habitat so that donations from the public can go directly to building homes.