



Dear Friend of Crisis Services,

I'd like to invite you to join the Crisis Services team by making a donation to the auction portion of our signature fundraiser, **MEN Who COOK**. The event features local male personalities and leaders showing off talents that are not readily apparent through their normal roles in our community.

Now entering its tenth year, **MEN Who COOK** celebrates the art and science of food while raising awareness and resources for Crisis Services. **MEN Who COOK** features local leaders who show off their culinary skills and their own mouth-watering recipes. Anchored by some of Buffalo's most-preferred restaurants and washed down with our area's favorite refreshments, this signature event will draw hundreds to the Statler City Golden Ballroom on **Tuesday, October 4, 2016**. Nearly 400 guests are expected to attend.

By donating an item or gift card to be used for our silent auctions that evening, you would have the unique opportunity to show your organization's support in a meaningful way, as well as realize a great opportunity to gain new exposure for your organization.

Each year, well over 100,000 people call Crisis Services, Western New York's most comprehensive crisis center ([www.crisisservices.org](http://www.crisisservices.org)). Some are looking for information, some are lonely or depressed, some are looking for assistance with a family member or friend, many are in crisis themselves – suicidal, homeless, victims of rape, domestic violence, elder abuse. At Crisis Services, we're committed to promoting the health, safety and well being of our community through prevention, education, immediate intervention and access to community wide resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

And we've been doing this non-stop since 1968. We do not bill for our services. As all other 501 (c) 3's can attest, while our funding sources dry up, the need for our services continues to grow. Crisis does not discriminate – there is no age, race, gender or demographic that is immune. It cuts across every socio-economic category and often leaves post traumatic stress disorder, depression, and serious mental illness in its wake. Here is a link to a video that was presented at 2014's event: <https://vimeo.com/75019822>

This event wouldn't be possible without the generous support of businesses such as yours. All of the proceeds for this, our only fundraiser, go directly to the four programs of Crisis Services, WNY's most comprehensive 24/7 crisis center.

Our tax ID number is **16-0956222**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judy Caraotta  
Fund Development Coordinator



## Men Who Cook Auction Item Donation Form

Crisis Services presents the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual **Men Who Cook**, an evening of fun, food and awareness. We invite you to join us by donating one or more auction items to support this one of a kind event where local restaurants as well as local leaders and celebrities will prepare their favorite dish for all to enjoy. This entertaining event will be held in the beautiful restored Golden Ballroom of Statler City on Tuesday October 4, 2016 from 6pm to 9pm.

Proceeds will support Crisis Services, the most comprehensive crisis center in Upstate New York.

We are thrilled to donate an auction item for the Crisis Services Men Who Cook Event. We will donate the following items:

Gift Basket Valued at: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other item (please describe)

\_\_\_\_\_

Valued at: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to donate a prize, but please accept the enclosed cash donation to assist the valuable work of Crisis Services.

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make checks payable to  
**Crisis Services**)

Please send Auction Item Donation form by **September 23, 2016** to:

*Men Who Cook  
Crisis Services  
2969 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14214*

*Crisis Services Staff will contact you once your Auction Item Form is received to arrange a time to pick up the item. Items are also welcomed to be dropped off at the address above M-F 9am to 5pm. Please attach Auction Item Form to your item.*

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_