



MEN Who COOK – An evening of fun, food and community awareness about the work of Crisis Services.

- Wednesday October 4, 2017, 6-9 pm, Adams Mark Hotel
- **MEN Who COOK** is an event where local male leaders and chefs donate their time to cook their favorite dish as a fundraiser while supporting the programs and initiatives of Crisis Services.
- Each amateur chef and restaurant serve tasting size portions of their dish.
- Crisis Services is seeking sponsorships and auction item donations such as gift baskets, gift certificates, sports memorabilia, and packages with local leaders/celebrities

Crisis Services

Each year, well over 80,000 people call Crisis Services (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, and elder abuse. In 2016 Crisis Services' 24-Hour Crisis Hotline answered 80,002 crisis calls while the NYS Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline and the Erie County Domestic Violence Hotline answered a combined 11,933 calls. Additionally, Crisis Services' Mobile Outreach conducted 2,580 mental health home visits, the Advocate Program responded to 1,214 domestic/sexual violence hospital cases, and the newly created Addictions Hotline handled over 1,400 calls in its first 5 months.

Crisis Services has been doing this non-stop since 1968, ***24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year***. Crisis Services does not bill for their services. As all other 501 (c) 3s can attest, while funding sources dry up, the need for 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>

Chefs who have participated in MEN Who COOK:

- Jack Quinn, President of Erie Community College
- Tim Herzog, Flying Bison Brewery
- Dennis Black, UB VP
- Jock Mitchell, Community Volunteer
- Drew Czera, The Wing King
- Dr. Anthony Billittier IV, UB|MD Emergency Medicine
- Chief Zak & Lt. Gould, Cheektowaga Police
- Jake Brach, Rich Products
- Father Paul Seil, Host of "Our Daily Bread" Cooking Show
- Dr. Richard Braen, Kaleida Health
- Lt. David Mann, Buffalo Police Sex Offense Squad
- Jeff Pirrone, The John R. Oishei Foundation Basic Human Needs Initiative
- Steve Cichon

Restaurants who have participated in MEN Who COOK:

- Left Bank
- Black Sheep
- Fat Bob's Smokehouse
- Lloyd Taco Factory
- Wegmans
- Joe's Deli
- Ilio DiPaolo's
- Platter's Chocolates
- Blue Table Chocolates
- Lake Effect Ice Cream
- Rust Belt Bar & Grill
- D'Avolio Kitchen
- Vera Pizzeria
- Redlinski Meats
- Buffalo State Campus House

For additional information on MEN Who COOK 2017, go to crisisservices.org or via email at menwhocook@crisisservices.org