



Dear “Men Who Cook” Prospective Participant,

Thank you for your interest in supporting Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM) at our annual culinary competition, Men Who Cook. Each year we recruit 24 “cooks/chefs” to compete in this fun and spirited night of community. We appreciate your consideration and hope that you can join this year's competition! This year's planning is underway and the 2018 event is scheduled for Saturday, October 20th at 6:00 PM.

This is an opportunity to put your culinary skills on display for the entire city to enjoy, while at the same time, creating harmony and a real sense of togetherness. All participants are novice level and participate simply to support our cause in a fun way and to enjoy a night of community spirit. To aid in organizing of this event, we are requesting your assistance with the following:

- Complete the registration form by Sunday, August 5.
- Your Dish 1 selection will be used unless another participant has already registered the same or similar dish. In that case, you will be notified that Dish 2 has been selected for you. The earlier you return your registration the better your chance of being able to participate with your Dish 1 selection!
- For printing purposes, we ask that share the name of your food dish in the manner that you'd like your information displayed at the event. Feel free to be creative with your dish name!
- Include an email address that you use for personal emails because it will be used for our communication of need to know information, instructions, etc.
- Encourage your friends, family, and co-workers to attend! This is a competition nonetheless...so, having friends and family there to cheer you on and join the voting process can't hurt you! Ticket sales will begin in August and information will be provided to you at that time.

Again, we look forward to your participation! If you have any questions regarding the content of this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact Debra at [debra@warmwaynesboro.org](mailto:debra@warmwaynesboro.org) or (540)324-8166.

With WARMest Regards,

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Debra Freeman-Belle,  
Executive Director

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Carla Thomas,  
2018 Men Who Cook Chair



# MEN WHO COOK

A Culinary Competition to Benefit WARM

Saturday, October 20, 2018 ~ 6PM

Best Western Plus Waynesboro

**A fun & casual competition featuring local leading men with samples of their favorite home-cooked dishes for public judging. Each cook will have a chance to support local homeless services while competing for the title of WARM's Master Cook 2018.**

## COOK REGISTRATION FORM

Yes! I want to be one of the MEN WHO COOK on Saturday, October 20, 2018.

No, I won't be able to be a cook or attend, but I have enclosed a donation to WARM.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cook Category:  Charity  Church  City  Commerce/Business  Unsure/help me choose

I've participated in Men Who Cook before.

I have not participated in Men Who Cook before.

### List 2 Options for Food That You Would Like to Cook:

1 <sup>st</sup> Choice – Dish to Cook	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice – Dish to Cook
Dish Name _____	Dish Name _____
Type: Salad/Appetizer Side Dish Entrée Dessert	Type: Salad/Appetizer Side Dish Entrée Dessert
Need heating rack and sterno burners? Yes No	Need heating rack and sterno burners? Yes No
Dish Comments/Additional Information:	Dish Comments/Additional Information:

All cooks are responsible for purchasing their own food and cooking supplies. Dishes must be prepared before arrival. Warmers, plates, napkins and eating utensils are provided. All cooks must have their tables decorated and ready by 5:00pm (building access starting at 4:00pm). A special "Cook's Tasting" will begin at 5:00pm on the night of the event to give the cooks an opportunity to check out the competition. The event will open to the public at 5:30 pm. Prizes will be awarded to the top dish in each category that receives the most votes by attendees. Each cook is admitted to the event for free along with one guest (helper) to assist them in serving. All guests/helpers must accompany the cook at their table and may also participate in tastings but will not be permitted to vote. Each cook is asked to stay for the entire evening to meet and greet people and give information on their dish and business or organization. To help the event's success, each cook is required to submit their recipe details by 31st. ***Creatively decorating your workstation, and/or advertising your business, at your station is strongly encouraged.*** A company/organization logo and photo of cook in jpeg format must be submitted to admin@warmwaynesboro.org by registration deadline. Contact Debra at 540-324-8166 or [debra@warmwaynesboro.org](mailto:debra@warmwaynesboro.org) if you need assistance with registration.

Cook Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **EVENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

*This form provides information regarding your role as a cook and the role of WARM, Inc.*

#### **Cooks/Chefs Responsibilities:**

- Attend one of the scheduled cook specific meetings in September/October 2018 (w/ 30-day notice of the brief meeting)
- Provide sample servings of a food dish/item. You should prepare at least 250 single servings that are no less than 2-3 bites per serving on October 20, 2018. (Estimated attendance)
- Provide all necessities for preparation and presentation of your dish/item. (i.e., meats, ingredients, table decorations, etc.) *Cooks must submit proof of their expenditures to admin@warmwaynesboro.org by November 1, 2018 to receive gift acknowledgement for their event donations (food, supplies, decor).*
- Provide all necessities for keeping food dish/item at appropriate serving (heating rack and sterno burners will be provided)
- Provide written recipe details for the chosen dish no later than August 31, 2018 to admin@warmwaynesboro.org.
- Encourage others to attend the event. WARM will market/promote event but would like to ensure that the crowd includes people who are there to support our cooks.
- Participate in photos before and during the event to be used for event promotion this year and possibly future years.
- Arrive between 4:00-4:30pm to set up your serving table on the day of the event; All food must be ready to serve by 6:00pm and must stay covered until the food tasting start is announced. Food should be heated and covered as needed during the serving hour (approximately 6:15-7:15p)
- Any remaining food should be left accessible for attendees after serving hour ends; if all food is sampled then WARM will provide a "Tasting Completed" sign for the cook to display at their tasting space/table
- Stay for the entirety of the event (expected to end around 9p)
- Cooks are encouraged to participate in the silent auction and fun at the event. If you plan to do so, please be prepared to enjoy yourself outside of your competing as a cook.
- All items that are set up or brought by a cook must be removed from the venue at the end of the event.
- WARM is considering the option of a pre-event Tip the Cook competition. A separate title will be given to the most tipped cook and all proceeds will benefit the event. Cooks must be willing to participate in this effort if needed.

#### **WARM, Inc. Responsibilities:**

- Provide "cooks/chefs" with an event apron to keep and with sanitary/food serving gloves.
- Provide all eating utensils and condiments for event participants.
- Provide volunteers to manage the event and venue. (Maintain supplies, provide beverages, collect tickets, direct attendees, manage event details, fulfill event schedule/program, assist cooks as needed, etc.)
- Provide one serving space or table for each cook/chef.
- Be your partner, liaison, and promoter before and during the event
- Provide a gift acknowledgement to each "cook/chef" to authorize a tax deductible contribution of their expenditures during their participation in this event. (cooks are responsible for submitting proof of their expenditures to admin@warmwaynesboro.org by November 1, 2018)

**Thank you so much for your willingness to support local homeless services! Good luck...we look forward to tasting your delicious dish.**