



Café Liberty

CULINARY TRAINING PROGRAM

Café Liberty will assist veterans who are unemployed or underemployed and looking to enter the culinary field. This program will professionally train participants for a lifetime career in the food service industry and/or serve as a bridge to an advanced culinary institution at no cost to the veteran.

The eleven week program will be offered four times annually with ten students in each class. Our curriculum has been developed by Chef Cheryl Corrado, former Executive Chef at CHIC (Cooking & Hospitality Institute of Chicago – Le Cordon Bleu). She will serve as the primary Chef Instructor at Café Liberty. Chef Cheryl will be assisted by Chef Hank Hoekstra, former Chef Instructor at The Institute of Culinary Arts at Robert Morris University, where the two worked side by side in the culinary training kitchen and classroom.



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cafeliberty.org

Visit website to apply



Since 1984 the mission of the Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot Foundation has been to provide funds to emergency feeding agencies. We will continue to honor that mission in DuPage County with funds raised on Thanksgiving morning from our 5K fun run. In 2015, the Board of Directors of the DGTT Foundation developed a 3 year strategic plan to expand our community outreach by establishing a job training facility by 2019. We are two years ahead of schedule and are excited to announce the opening of Café Liberty in the Fall of 2017.



What to expect from the program:

Orientation

- ServSafe Food Service Certification Class
- Introduction to knife skills
- Knife skill competency is extremely valuable to your success in the culinary field and will be evaluated weekly.

Recipe Building

- Soups
- Sauces
- Vegetable cookery
- Starches
- Grain

Proteins

- Meats
- Poultry
- Seafood



Baking

- Introduction to basic breads and desserts

What to expect in week 11:

- Final Exam
- “Front of the House” Training
- Café Liberty staff will work one on one with each student to prepare them for a successful interview.

What we expect from a Café Liberty graduate:

During your 11 week culinary training, our staff has given you the necessary skills to be successful in obtaining employment in the food industry. You may choose to advance your skills at a culinary school of higher learning. Whichever direction you choose, it is Café Liberty’s goal to see you succeed.

The Dan Gibbons Foundation

dangibbonsfoundation.org

Our foundation website will direct you to websites for all of our events and programs.

The Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot

Our flagship event, the Turkey Trot a 5K fun run, takes place every Thanksgiving morning in Elmhurst, IL.

The Fighting Hunger Games

An annual "longest day of golf event" in which 36 golf warriors will each play 100 holes of golf in one day.

The Fighting Hunger Walk

Teams of up to 10 people walk on the Elmhurst College mall/quad to support Café Liberty, our culinary training kitchen for veterans.

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