

ABT ELECTRONICS TO HOST FIRST-EVER PIZZA COOK-OFF COMPETITION FOR CHARITY, HOSTED BY STEVE DOLINSKY

Three Local Pizza Restaurants Will Throw Down on July 23 for Their Charity of Choice

(Glenview, IL) Abt Electronics (1200 N. Milwaukee) is kicking the summer into high gear with its first-ever pizza cook-off for charity hosted by "The Food Guy" Steve Dolinsky. On July 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m, three chefs from some of Chicagoland's top pizza restaurants will compete for a chance to win a donation to their charity of choice on behalf of the Abt Family Foundation.

Chef Jesse Harris from Giordano's, chef Leo Spizzirri of GIA MIA and chef/owner George Bumbaris of George's Deep Dish will throw down the gauntlet using pizza ovens from Alfa and showcase their signature pizzas for a great cause. The judging panel comprised of local food experts and influencers Seth Marcus (@chicityfoodie), Josh Carmichael (@siblingsthateat) and Jamila Ghosheh (@jamilaeats) will crown the winning chef, who will win a \$2,000 donation towards their charity. In addition, guests are invited to vote on their favorite pizza for the "People's Choice" and runner-up, both of whom will also receive \$1,500 and \$1,000 donation for their chosen cause.

The competition will be hosted outdoors at Abt's parking lot and will be open to the public. Tickets are priced at \$10 and can be purchased here. Guests will enjoy samples of each chef's pizza and will also be entered into a drawing for a giveaway of the Alfa pizza oven (retails at \$3,899) as well a JBL Party Speaker (retails at \$1,299.95). Alfa will also be offering the pizza oven at a discounted price for guests.

For more information and to buy a ticket, visit https://www.abt.com/events

About Abt Electronics

Abt Electronics was founded in 1936 when Jewel Abt loaned her husband Dave \$800 to open a small electronics store in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago. Abt has grown to become the largest independent, single-store retailer of electronics, appliances and home goods in the country. This third-generation family-run business (now run by Dave and Jewel's four grandchildren, Mike, Ricky, Jon and Billy, who share the title of co-president) is known for its award-winning customer service from its team of more than 1,700 expert staff members. Its Glenview, Ill.-based location boasts a 114,000 square-foot showroom on 37 acres. The entire

facility, including its continually expanding state-of-the-art warehouse, totals over 450,000 square feet. The company has been recognized by the Chicago Tribune as one of the Top Large Workplaces in Chicago for 13 consecutive years, taking the No. 1 position in 2016, 2012 and 2011. Abt has become an influencer on a national scale thanks to its thriving national ecommerce website where customers can receive advice and customer support through the site's live chat feature, email and toll-free phone number. Abt is known for being an eco-friendly business and has an award-winning green program that includes LED lights, a rooftop solar array, an irrigation system that uses renewable rainwater, and a generator that provides electricity for nine hours of the day. Abt also has an on-premises 30,000-square-foot recycling center that takes in over 8,500 tons of waste per year including 95 percent of the company's own waste. In the center of the showroom is a beautiful atrium where customers gain access to its many boutique stores-within-a-store such as an Apple Boutique and a Tumi Store. For more information, visit www.Abt.com.