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ABT ELECTRONICS TO HOST SECOND ANNUAL PIZZA COOK OFF COMPETITION FOR CHARITY, HOSTED BY STEVE DOLINSKY

Four Local Pizza Restaurants Will Throw Down on September 15 for Their Charity of Choice

(Glenview, IL) [Abt Electronics](#) (1200 N. Milwaukee) following the success of last year's inaugural pizza cook-off, Abt is excited to announce that the event will be returning in 2024! On September 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m, four 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 Jeff Smyl from [Pizzeria Portofino](#) in Chicago, Chef Tony Dezutter from [Paulie Gee's](#) in Chicago and Chef Giovanni Oriente from [Pizza di Farfalla](#) in New Lenox will all throw down the gauntlet using Ooni pizza ovens to showcase their signature pizzas for a great cause. The judging panel, comprised of local food experts and influencers, will crown the winning chef, who will win a \$2,000 donation for their charity. In addition, guests are invited to vote on their favorite pizza for the "People's Choice" award, which will win \$1,500, and the runners-up will both receive a \$1,000 donation for their chosen cause.

Steve Dolinsky, renowned Chicago food critic and culinary journalist, will be returning to host the cook off for the second time. Dolinsky is a 13-time James Beard Award-winning food reporter, who wrote the book on Chicago pizza; *The Ultimate Chicago Pizza Guide A History of Squares & Slices in the Windy City*.

Tickets are priced at \$10 and can be purchased [here](#).

The competition will be hosted outdoors at Abt's parking lot and will be open to the public. Guests will enjoy samples of each chef's pizza and can look forward to lawn games, music and great raffle prizes. The Grand Prize will be the ultimate pizza package from Ooni, featuring their Koda 2 Max oven with cover, pizza peel and an infrared digital thermometer. Additionally, Abt will be offering exclusive savings on their extensive selection of pizza ovens and accessories that guests can purchase and take home that day.

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 1,600 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 nine 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 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 bio-diesel trucks, 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 recycling center that takes in 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 Connect Computer Store. Abt is known for its weekend treats providing free, fresh baked chocolate chip cookies and coffee for its customers every Saturday and Sunday afternoon. For more information, visit www.Abt.com.