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**Met Council and Chefs for Humanity Host Family Kosher Cooking Class,  
“A Chicken in Every Pot”**

**November 4, 2007 (Brooklyn, NY)** – As part of Jewish Social Action month, New York City non-profits Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty and Chefs for Humanity brought together community volunteers, culinary professionals, and single mothers and children in need to participate in a kosher cooking class, called “A Chicken in Every Pot”. Funded by the UJA-Federation of New York, the class was led by four student chefs from the Institute for Culinary Education who taught a group of Met Council clients and volunteers from SoHo Synagogue how to cook healthy, nutritious meals of chicken, potatoes, and vegetables. Four student chefs from the Institute for Culinary Education, coordinated by Chefs for Humanity, created the menus and assisted the students in the preparation, process, and presentation of creating a healthy, delicious meal. After preparing these meals, volunteers were able to serve them to home-bound senior residents at Met Council’s affordable housing sites in Brooklyn.

The event was coordinated by the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, New York’s voice of the Jewish poor for over 35 years. A non-profit organization which serves over 100,000 low-income New Yorkers every year, Met Council provides a wide range of programs from affordable housing and career services to crisis intervention and kosher food distribution. Chefs for Humanity, the co-sponsor of the event, is an alliance of culinary professionals and educators working in partnership with US and global organizations, providing nutrition education, hunger relief, and emergency and humanitarian aid to reduce hunger across the world.

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Met Council Executive Director, William E. Rapfogel, is proud of Met Council’s involvement in Jewish Social Action month: “Our Jewish values of service motivate action and community involvement and this event exemplifies the way our community can provide for those in need. There is no higher calling than to respond to the needs of those around us; this event is a great example of our community joining together giving back what has been given to us”.

Diane L. Burstein, Acting Director of Chefs for Humanity fully supported this event:

“Chefs for Humanity partners chefs, hospitality professionals and culinary students, from throughout the US with nutrition and hunger programs that truly serve the most at – risk populations. A Chicken in Every Pot is the kind of program that makes a difference and brings people together in the spirit of service through food and food preparation. The young student chefs volunteering for this event were so thrilled to be able to use their new found skills and talents in a way that gave back to a community.”

*The Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty is the voice of the Jewish poor and the first line of defense for our community's need. We fight poverty through comprehensive social services and treat every individual with dignity and respect. Our grassroots Jewish Community Councils network strengthens families and neighborhoods throughout New York City.*

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