

CEO Chef Testimonials

SCE - Risk Management Group Team Building Offsite

"...wanted some enhancement on taking them out of their comfort zone and that's what CEO Chef did for us...their have been great to work with, Jim's a great motivator, a great speaker...Renee has has been great working with my staff...we certainly will use these folks (CEO Chef) again, in the near future"

"...we contacted CEO Chef because Southern California Edison has used them before...we only had three weeks to get everything together and everything was wonderful...Jim Connolly and his staff were wonderful, answering all of my questions...a lot of communication and I would get my calls returned immediately...and when we had some last minute changes, I called Renee Gordon, after hours and was surprised that she called me back within minutes, I think that lady never sleeps! She (Renee) made the changes and contacted the hotel first thing in the morning the next day, took care of the changes and everything was wonderful! ...put me at ease, everybody loved it...I would definitely go back to them again!

Bosch Security and Bosch Communications- Sales Retreat

"...we have 380 Bosch people at an event to bring everyone together, CEO Chef put a great event on for us...and Jim was a wonderful host... and the food was fabulous!"

Diageo- Leadership Retreat

"...bonding and dealing with the uncertainty and issues on not having a kitchen, this gave us an opportunity to talk and leverage each other and be a team and show how collectively we made a difference...it was amazing to see how we created a great meal that everyone enjoyed...I recommend you (CEO Chef) for other team building functions for Diageo..."

"...we were looking for something that was innovative, and fun way to do team effectiveness and team building, and being a group of project leaders ... this was a great experience, it was a blast! ... the food was great and I think the bonding was even better!"

SCE - "TAPS" Leadership Offsite

"...we wanted a chance to get to know each other, be comfortable and have fun and that's exactly what it did and it helped us work better as a team!"

"...and I thought this adventure we took was awesome and we got to know each other a little bit better and we were able to work together as a team and have a great time doing it."

"...and I would recommend it to anyone considering hiring Jim (Connolly) and CEO Chef"

Rabobank - Leadership and Team Building Offsite

"...I'm very happy to had stumbled upon CEO Chef, they put together a great, great program for us... it was tailor made to our HR needs... it really brought lot of people together and they took away lot with them to apply to their own daily lives... once again it was a great experience and I would recommend it to anybody!"

Apple American Group (Largest Applebee's Franchisee)

"We really enjoyed the Competitive Chef competition! CEO Chef was able to handle our large group of 180 restaurant managers with ease. Our managers were exposed to new recipes and inventive ways of cooking and are still talking about the experience. CEO Chef took care of all the details. It was a worry free event for us." – Laurie H., Director of Training

Blue Shield

"I loved the program today and in over 30 years in the industry, in sales, this is the best by far!"

"I am so not athletic and I am sick of doing athletic events at these team building events. And it was the first time I could enjoy cooking, and eating while building team spirit as well. It was awesome. I would highly recommend it (CEO Chef)!" – program participant

Discovery Communications

"I have worked with CEO Chef many times before coming to Discovery (Communications) coming from NBC/Universal and had great experiences (at NBC/Universal). (I) ran an event tonight with my team, my new team of 8 months and we just enjoyed it tremendously and I recommend this highly to anyone doing team building events." – Adria A., Senior Vice President, Human Resources

Demandtec

"Thank you Jim, it was a great experience (and) so much fun and everyone enjoyed it. People were skeptical at first, but when they come to this, they were have a blast! So thank you very much Jim and CEO Chef." – Susan L.

N-Able Alliance (Nokia)

"I work with corporate executives and (their) teams. Today we had CEO Chef come her in Dallas (TX) to work with one of my best customers, Nokia. Jim and the CEO Chef Team did an outstanding job and (we) achieved everything we set out to achieve and more. And I thoroughly recommend them to anyone who is thinking of doing this kind of event." – David S., President, N-Able Alliance

GE/NBC/Telemundo

"We had a great time working with CEO Chef. Their people were very professional, easy to work with, everything was taken care of from the beginning to the end. We had nothing to worry about. You guys (CEO Chef) had everything ready and (even) had a Plan B ready." – Guily G.

Wells Fargo

" (CEO Chef) did an amazing job! They were referred to me, so I did not know what to expect (from them). They (CEO Chef) come in, the group was surprised, we made an assortment of beautiful food, it was a great activity. We learned a lot of great information that we are going to take back with us (to the work place). " – Alex K., Vice President, Human Resources

Amgen

" The CEO Chef activity was a HUGE success. People couldn't stop talking about it. One of the more competitive women on my team actually called her 82 year old mom in the Midwest during the activity to find out how to make a radish rose and was then devastated when Jim showed the whole room how to do it because she was counting on that being her "competitive edge" from a garnish perspective. Very funny!

Thanks so much for your flexibility and help. Our teams are much better for the exercise and I was amazed at how much it loosened everyone up and took us to a new level in terms of openness with one another.

Thanks so much for everything!!!!!"

Howard Hughes Medical Institute

"...for organizations that may be on the fence about using your services...I am recommending your services for organizations that want to see their staff work as a team trying to resolve a problem. Your presentation laid the ground work to resolve the problem, but then it was up to each team to plan, attack and then conclude with incredible results.

...Your ability to tailor the presentation and event to our expectations was outstanding. Our group has listened to every type of motivational or management speaker on the market. Your service brings a huge breath of fresh air to the training arena." - Stephen Farrell, Regional Administration